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MPs urge Major to make reshuffle

Mawhinney in line for top Tory job

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

SENIOR Conservatives are advising John Major to appoint Stephen Dorrell as Health Secretary and Brian Mawhinney as party chairman in a limited reshuffle aimed at moving his two most unpopular ministers out of the firing line.

Virginia Bottomley, under pressure over her handling of the London hospitals shake-up, and Jeremy Hanley, who has endured a short but unhappy period at Conservative Central Office, seem certain to be moved to new jobs within the next two months.

As the Tories pondered ways of fighting back from their local elections disaster, the Prime Minister was also warned in a "very frank" discussion with backbench leaders yesterday that he must act urgently to put his Government back in touch with its natural supporters in the middle classes.

Under a "four-way shuffle" proposed by a number of Conservative MPs, Mr Hanley would take Mr Dorrell's job as National Heritage Secretary and Mrs Bottomley would be moved sideways, possibly taking over from Mr Mawhinney as Transport Secretary.

In a slight variation on the theme, Mrs Bottomley would go to the Employment Department, and Michael Portillo would become Transport Secretary. Conservative MPs and activists regard a reshuffle aimed at taking Mrs Bottomley and Mr Hanley out of the spotlight as a prerequisite for a political recovery.

Pressure for changes increased yesterday as members of the 1922 Committee executive met the Prime Minister for lunch at Downing Street. They were adamant afterwards that they had not raised the question of a reshuffle — which they said was the Prime Minister's preserve. But they admitted that they had called for marked improvements in the presentation of Government policy, the traditional Tory code for the removal of ministers considered to be performing below par.



Mawhinney: skills as a communicator

Sir Marcus Fox, the committee chairman, said: "We talked about all sorts of problems and what needs to be done to get the party back on course. We are particularly concerned that support has drifted away from us. Our concern is to get it back and to look after those who feel badly done by. We would be failing in our duty if we were not looking at where we were going wrong."

He added: "There has been no prime minister in my 25 years here who has listened more carefully. He makes a contribution and we were all extremely pleased at the way it went."

Sir Marcus was accompanied to Downing Street by a number of Tory veterans, including Dame Jill Knight, John Townend and Sir Peter Hordern. Although committee members were reticent about divulging details of the meeting, one said: "It would not be surprising after those results in the local elections if we did not have a very frank discussion indeed."

Some rightwingers are known to have pushed Mr Major for substantial tax cuts and a more sceptical line on Europe to put "clear blue water" between the Conservatives and Labour.

Others on the Right want him to adopt a much more radical agenda. Far-reaching proposals in a paper circulating in Whitehall include a drastic reshaping of the tax system to switch taxes on earnings and savings to consumption and pollution, laws to provide for the seizure and sale of all the assets of convicted burglars, and an obligation to teach British culture in schools.

The reshuffle is still expected in July, although some MPs are pressing Mr Major to bring it forward to the spring parliamentary recess at the end of the month. But ministers close to Mr Major say that such a move would look like a panic reaction to defeat in the Perth and Kinross by-election on Thursday week, and would mean ministers and their official staff having to readjust to their new roles while Parliament was in session, rather than during the quiet holiday months as usual.

Mr Dorrell, who has never seemed at home at the heritage department, is a talented performer who impressed during a spell as a junior health minister before the last general election election.

There will be some reluctance on Mr Major's part to move Mr Mawhinney, who is regarded as having taken the steam out of some of the most controversial transport issues in recent months. But his skills as a communicator are felt by some key ministers to be sorely needed at Central Office, even though Michael Heseltine — who has been unwilling to take the job in the past — would be most Conservative MPs' first choice.

Mr Hanley, with his theatrical background, is regarded as an ideal candidate for the so called Ministry of Fun. One senior Tory said: "In retrospect Hanley in Heritage and Mawhinney in Smith Square would have been a much better bet last time round."

Peter Riddell, and Cocktail of ideas, page 8



Pierre Assin/SIPA

Jemima Goldsmith arriving from London at Orly airport in Paris yesterday with her fiancé, Imran Khan

Singles make a quick run for cover

BY LIN JENKINS

IMRAN KHAN, the former Pakistan cricket captain, and Jemima Goldsmith, his fiancée, yesterday escaped the furore generated by news of their wedding and flew to France.

The couple said that both their families thought their marriage, due to take place on June 20, was "absolutely *fine*", *quashing speculation* that both sets of parents would have preferred their children to find a partner with whom they shared a common culture. The former cricketer said: "We wouldn't be going through with it otherwise."

Imran, who has embraced charity work and is said to hold political ambitions, dismissed the suggestion that Miss Goldsmith, 21, would find it difficult to live in Pakistan with its strict Islamic code.

As the couple left Heathrow for France, Imran said: "There has been a lot of comment about that, but the only reason is that people don't understand. But in time they will know. Jemima is an intelligent woman. She knows what she wants. At the moment nobody knows about her."

The bride-to-be's father, Sir James Goldsmith, has a home in Paris.

Jemima's fate, page 14

Labour wants league table of bad judges

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR is planning to draw up league tables of judges as part of a reform of the legal system aimed at "sweeping away vested interests and restrictive practices".

The proposals, in a policy document backed by Tony Blair, include referring the legal profession to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, requiring laywers to provide detailed bills, and making judges retire at 65. The monopolies commission would look at the training, practice and structure of the profession to ensure that it is efficient and competitive.

Labour also wants to see "one-stop high street shops", with lawyers, accountants and surveyors working on the same premises.

One of the most radical proposals in a document drawn up by Paul Boateng, the party's legal affairs spokesman, is to publish details of complaints against judges in the form of league tables. The paper also proposes a judicial appointments and training commission with lay representation, including the appointment of more judges from an academic background.

The commission would be responsible for monitoring judicial performance. A member of the public would be able to file a complaint to the commission about a judge, for example, if he had made insensitive remarks in a rape case.

Complaints would be made public and the judges named. League tables would show the number of times a particular judge had been referred to the commission and the number of complaints upheld. Party sources said that Labour had no intention of changing the constitutional arrangements for dismissing judges. However, they argued that if a judge had been complained about six times, and five of the complaints had been upheld, "it would be inconceivable" that the judge would continue to work in the same field.

The paper, to go to the party conference in September, calls for a three-stage reform: a shake-up of the profession; establishing the judicial appointments and monitoring system; and setting up a community legal service — a more cost-effective legal aid system. A party official said: "We have made clear that a Labour Government will seek to submit this group of vested interests to the rigours of competition and the market. Reform is long overdue."

Under the shake-up of the profession, Mr Boateng proposes that lawyers should be more accountable for their costs and provide a much more detailed breakdown of their bills for their clients.

In the longer term, Mr Boateng would also like to change the present system in which a client retains a solicitor who then briefs a barrister. He favours allowing the client to go straight to a barrister, reducing costs and time spent. The document also gives detailed plans for making legal aid more cost-effective, by restricting the number of practices that can offer legal advice on certain topics. The Legal Aid Board would enter into contracts with lawyers, advice centres and law centres to provide legal advice.

Each body would have to bid for block franchises to provide a particular service, such as advice on housing.

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Circuit bench posts advertised

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Protest over Falklands stamps

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

DISPUTES among nations rarely arise over the postage stamp. Yet Britain said yesterday it has formally protested to Argentina over stamps describing the Falkland Islands as the *Islas Malvinas*.

The stamps, bearing pictures of penguins, elephant seals and ducks from the Falklands above the words *Republica Argentina*, were issued last October, and immediately denounced by the British embassy.

Foreign Office officials said there were no legal grounds to force Argentina to withdraw the stamps, but that the Government's displeasure had been strongly registered.

Carlos Menem, the re-elected Argentine president, pledged at the weekend that he would continue a "diplomatic crusade" to win back the islands. The Foreign Office said sovereignty was not negotiable.

Menem pledge, page 10

Police reject guns and call for more protection

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE yesterday overwhelmingly rejected the routine arming of officers on the beat.

In the largest survey carried out in England and Wales, four out of five officers voted against widespread arming. The decision will calm the recent controversery over the general issue of guns to police.

The survey of 74,000 junior officers was published by the Police Federation, which covers 124,000 officers up to the rank of chief inspector, on the eve of its annual conference in Bournemouth. Seventy nine per cent voted to maintain the status quo, while 11 per cent said they would not carry guns and more than half of this group said they would resign rather than remain in an armed police service.

Fred Broughton, the chairman of the federation, said the voting underlined the complexity of the issue and he pointed to the fact that 83 per cent called for greater protection through better training, more marksmen and equipment such as bullet-proof vests.

He said: "There is no knee-jerk reaction to asking for more arming. The bobby on the beat faces sudden death routinely, as we are reminded on a daily basis. Help us to protect ourselves while we protect you. This proves once again that our police officers acknowledge the vital importance of policing by consent in partnership with the public, despite the risks they take."

Mr Broughton added: "Routine arming is [still] on the agenda but there is no majority for it."

The Home Office yesterday made no comment. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is due to address the conference tomorrow and is understood to be opposed to general arming. The Association of Chief Police Officers said they welcomed the vote and said that arming the police would be an irreversible step. The survey was carried out over six weeks this spring by the Electoral Reform Society after a poll last year of constables found 46 per cent in favour of wider arming.

Officers in London, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, and Northumbria showed greater support than in other areas for general arming. More than half the Metropolitan force were in favour of this step or the training of all police in using guns.

As the 1,000 federation delegates began to digest the survey, which will be debated today, Chief Inspector Geoffrey Williams, of West Mercia, said: "I am absolutely delighted. I think this is what the public wants."

Sgt Mike Bennett, leader of the Metropolitan branch of the federation, said he did not think the vote was representative because less than half of his force had voted. He said that all future recruits should be asked whether they wanted to carry guns and rejected if they did not.

Mitterrand allies guilty

Two senior figures in a former administration of President Mitterrand were found guilty of corruption charges.

Bernard Tapie was given a one-year prison sentence for buying a victory for Marseilles, the football team he owned, and Henri Emmanuelli received a one-year suspended sentence for illicit financing of the Socialist Party ..... Page 12

Car auction house in $350m sell-off

ADT, the conglomerate which owns the world's largest car auction company, plans to sell its European auction houses. Analysts expect the auction houses to fetch up to $350 million. ADT has 57 auction centres, of which 25 are in Britain ..... Page 25

Rail fares cap

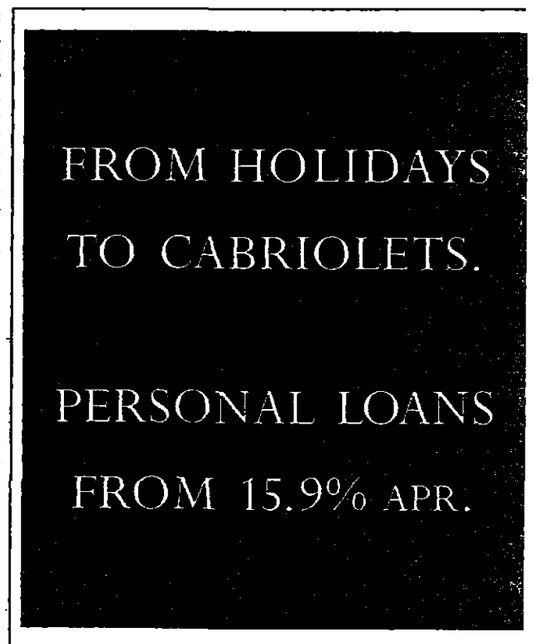
Rail fare increases are to be limited to the rate of inflation or below for the next seven years, Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, said yesterday as he looked forward to privatisation ..... Page 2

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Take your partners for the Cabinet reshuffle

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Reshuffles are in the air. As the Commons ploughed through New Clause 2 of the Gas Bill yesterday, your sketchwriter daydreamed. A bold departure from convention in the reshaping of his Cabinet might reawaken our interest in Tory government. Mr Major has so little to lose.

The experiment this sketch has in mind occurred to me while watching that Vesuvius of popular rage, David Evans (C, Welwyn Hatfield). He often reminds MPs of the thoughts of Janice, his wife. She sounds pretty level-headed — which is more than can be said of her husband. A week in which Evans stayed in Welwyn and Janice came to Westminster would not be a bad week for the nation.

So why can't Mr Major fashion his new Cabinet not from Tory MPs, but from their spouses?

Take Caroline Waldegrave. That the Agriculture Minister's wife is a strikingly handsome woman is the least of her strengths. Where William is dreamy, Caroline is decisive. Thoroughly businesslike, she runs the Pru Leith cookery school, the household, the family ... and even buys her husband's clothes. Running the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food would be a doddle for her; and we pity Gavin Strang, her Labour Shadow, whom she would flatten.

The Spaniards wouldn't dare fish in British waters: Mrs Waldegrave's junior minister, Catalina Garel-Jones, would see to that. The promotion of Tristan Garel-Jones's dynamic Spanish wife to this post would be a master-stroke: she holds great sway in Madrid.

Promoted from the backbenchers' spouses straight into Cabinet would be John Gorman. Where Teresa (C, Billericay) is abrasive, John is mellow; where she is shrill, he is gruff.

Out would go the TV lights; most problems could be solved by a quiet whisky with John. Mr Gorman would become the new Environment Secretary, and appeal to himself over his Tudor renovations.

He would work well with Anne Heseltine at Industry and Carolyn Portillo, Employment Secretary. Mrs Portillo is already a high-flying executive headhunter, and brings practical experience to her portfolio. She is less of a prima donna than her husband (most women are). Clever and unsentimental, we should have less froth about the Monarchy, the Church and the House of Lords and no more hysteria about the EU.

Gail Lilley, a distinguished painter, moves into Arts and Heritage. Beneath her, Ray Currie becomes Minister of Sport. Edwina's husband is a beer-drinking accountant and rugby player, with very good legs.

Among departments kept in the family, Education will prosper under Tom Shephard's steady hand; while, over at the Foreign Office, Judy Hurd could soon sort out Helmut Kohl. And if glamorous Sandra Howard at the Home Office cannot soothe the anxieties of Britain's hard-pressed police, nobody can. Over at the Lords, Elspeth Howe will make a splendid House Leader. She has been kept from Government for too long.

But the key to any Cabinet is the Chief Whip. I have considered Caroline Ryder for the post, but judge her too commanding a personality. Rebel Tories might get their windows kicked in. Besides, Christine Hamilton (Neil's wife) will be there as a junior whip to cuff ears where necessary. No, the Chief needs to combine tact, diplomacy, and a cautious, steady judgment. No prizes for guessing that Mr Peter Bottomley takes the job. With Mr B at the helm, Norma Major's Government is safe.

Treasury committed to 7-year subsidy

Mawhinney hails end of annual train fare rises

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government reversed its decade-long policy of above-inflation fare rises for rail travellers yesterday, announcing plans to cap fare increases for the next seven years.

From January, commuter season tickets and standard fares will rise no faster than inflation for three years, under a formula unveiled yesterday by Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary. For the following four years, increases will be pegged 1 per cent below any rise in the Retail Prices Index.

Dr Mawhinney said the announcement marked an "historic divide" marking "the end of the across the board regular real annual fare increases". In the past decade rail fares have risen by 22 per cent more than inflation. Dr Mawhinney said the arrangements would enable passengers to share efficiency savings from privatisation, while leaving private operators the freedom to develop promotional fares which could attract more passengers.

Labour called it a government U-turn which would require increased public subsidy for rail travellers, and asked why fares had risen every year before. Michael Meacher, Labour's Transport spokesman, said: "The only reason it is happening is because they want a few good headlines about rail privatisation."

The price cap will be imposed upon private rail operators who are expected to bid over the next two years for the right to run passenger services, and upon British Rail, which will continue to run services until they are taken over by the private sector.

Ministers believe that limiting fare increases will help them to sell rail privatisation to the public. But industry experts say would-be train operators may have to be compensated by an increase in the £1.8 billion a year public subsidy. For the first time, the Treasury will be committed to paying agreed subsidies for seven years to come.

Roger Salmon, the Franchise Director, who will select new train operators, said the price cap would cover 60 per cent of fares. Private train companies will be free to set the price of first class tickets and discounted Apex and Super-Saver fares.

Price capping will be most extensive in London, Edinburgh and Cardiff, where many commuters have little choice but to travel by rail. All standard season tickets, standard singles and unrestricted return tickets will be capped. The rail element of London Travelcards, which can also be used on buses and underground trains, will also be capped. If rail operators fail to reach agreement with London Underground and privatised bus operators on fare increases, Mr Salmon has the power to restrict rises to the rate of inflation.

Mr Salmon said train operators could earn the right to raise fares 2 per cent more than the formula if they achieved sustained improvements in service standards. Those who failed to meet agreed standards would have fares pegged 2 per cent below the formula.

In seven urban areas outside London, fares will be regulated by the Passenger Transport Executives, which already exercise controls on fares in exchange for subsidies: South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, Tyne and Wear, West Midlands, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Strathclyde.

Jimmy Knapp, leader of the RMT union, said the "U-turn by the Government" was a step in the right direction but one that exposed its "hypocrisy and political expediency". He added: "If the Government can do it [reduce fares] next January, why wasn't it done last January or the January before that?"

The Central Rail Users' Consultative Committee welcomed the announcement and said it marked a turning point in rail policy.



Salmon: cap covers 60%

DES JENSON



Cherie Booth fixes travel arrangements in Bournemouth during a day of public speaking engagements

Booth urges WPCs to sue chief constables

CHERIE BOOTH, QC, yesterday urged police women to take their chief constables to court if they felt they were discriminated against at work.

The Labour leader's wife told a meeting of police women in Bournemouth: "Taking a police force to court takes a lot of guts and needs a lot of support. But we must set the limits of what is acceptable behaviour from male colleagues, and we must rally together to do that." She told the meeting, part of the Police Federation's annual conference, that the police and the legal professions, both dominated by men, were filled with discrimination.

Earlier in London Ms Booth helped to launch a cinema advertisement to highlight the "frightening prevalence of woman abuse". She said that many people would find the advertisement shocking: it shows a man battering and kicking a woman. But she added: "The abuse of women is shocking and it is a crime. No matter how much we ignore it, it will not go away."

The one-minute film, to be shown in 200 Warner Brothers cinemas this week, states that one in four women is physically abused by her partner. It has been made by Refuge, the charity that set up the world's first centre for battered women in west London in 1971.

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Lung cancer care 'not up to standard'

LUNG cancer patients are not receiving basic levels of care in spite of one of the most advanced healthcare systems in the world, a cancer expert said yesterday.

The warning came only weeks after the Government promised to re-shape services so patients could receive more effective treatment. Jessica Corner Senior, lecturer at the Institute of Cancer Research and the Royal Marsden NHS Trust, said treatment quality depended on where you lived, especially for women with breast tumours.

She added: "Lung cancer patients in Britain, with one of the most advanced healthcare systems in the world, with the most comprehensive palliative care services, are not even receiving the basic care that any of us would assume is a basic right in a civilised society."

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Health minister booed by nurses on eve of strike vote

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE rift between nurses and the Government deepened yesterday as angry union representatives prepared to step up their pay campaign. Members of the Royal College of Nursing jeered and heckled Baroness Cumberlege, the junior Health Minister, at the opening of their annual congress in Harrogate.

Repeatedly harangued and interrupted, Lady Cumberlege struggled to make herself heard as she defended the Government's decision to introduce locally-determined pay. Nurses are bitter that they have been offered a one per cent pay rise nationally, with up to a further two per cent to be negotiated locally, when doctors were awarded national pay rises of 2.5 to three per cent.

They scorned Lady Cumberlege's assertion that three-quarters of National Health Service trusts had offered the full three per cent rise and dismissed with cries of "rubbish" her claim that local pay had brought some nurses rises of up to nine per cent. "We believe the future lies with local pay. Our centralised pay system has shown no sensitivity to what happens on the ground," Lady Cumberlege said.

At a time when traditionally militant unions are cowed, the historically moderate Royal College of Nursing is squaring up to the Government. Today 2,000 delegates will pass one of the most significant milestones in the union's 80-year history when the annual congress votes on whether to abandon its no-strike rule and replace it with one allowing "limited" industrial action: disrupting administration but not harming patients.

If the proposal succeeds and is ratified in a ballot of all 300,000 members, as college leaders expect, it will mark a breakdown in the consensus that has kept the peace with nurses since the NHS began.

Lady Cumberlege told reporters she viewed today's vote "with great sadness and sorrow". She dismissed the college's pledge that action would not harm patients. "Virtually everything nurses do does affect patient care," she said.

❑ Baroness Cumberlege said yesterday that the community care policy was failing to provide adequate support to elderly people in their own homes. She said that the policy of providing care to enable elderly people to live independently was the greatest challenge facing the welfare services. "For some it isn't working and for some it is. We have to do better," she said.

Charities query Motability profits for banks

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

CHARITIES are worried about the financial operation of a scheme set up in 1977 to help disabled people to use government-funded mobility allowances to purchase cars.

Their concerns centre on the relationship between Motability, a charity that helps disabled people lease cars adapted to their needs, and Motability Finance, a non-charitable limited company jointly owned by six high-street banks, which finances the operation.

Under the Motability scheme disabled people lease cars by having their allowance of £32.65 paid direct to the charity for three years, which then uses its purchasing power to negotiate up to 40 per cent discounts from car manufacturers. The initial purchase is funded by Barclays, NatWest, Midland, Lloyds, the Royal Bank of Scotland and the Bank of Scotland and then paid back over three years.

Since its inception more than 200,000 disabled people and their families have benefited and Motability's fleet of over 220,000 vehicles is one of the largest in Europe. John Major will today hand over the keys to the 500,000th car delivered under the scheme.

The Motability charity said that it made profits last year of £8.6 million, but no figures have been released showing how much the banks have made. Some charities believe that Motability profits should be used to reduce the price of new cars to disabled drivers. Charities fear the banks are making unreasonable profits out of the scheme and are, in effect, exploiting state benefits paid to disabled people.

The National Audit Office is due to report in the autumn on the charity. Although its investigation was initiated over a year ago as "a routine inspection audit", Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor General, is concerned about complaints over the lack of accountability of the organisation headed by Lord Sterling of Plaistow, who took over from Lord Goodman last November.

In a letter to a national newspaper today Lord Stirling says that "the long-term commitment" of the banks is vital to the work of Motability. He writes: "Expectations are that within less than two years monies involved will exceed £1.5 billion. Obviously regular benchmarking is necessary to ensure value for money and I assure you that the importance of this is recognised."

Critics insisted that they were not alleging impropriety, merely seeking more information about the charity's finances. Bert Massey, head of the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation, said: "We met with Motability to lay our anxieties on the table. I have no evidence of anything untoward but they need to be more open to allay suspicions."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nurse is held over deaths at hospitals

A nurse was being questioned last night by detectives investigating mysterious patient deaths at hospitals across Britain. Amanda Jenkinson, 35, was arrested after a police inquiry that began in February last year. Staff at Bassetlaw Hospital in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, became worried over "untoward" incidents in the intensive-care unit in which they claimed equipment had been tampered with.

Two of the six patients being treated in the unit died. In the past 16 months the investigation spread to seven other hospitals, among them Sheffield's Northern General, the Southmead in Bristol, Nottingham's City Hospital and medical centres in London and Tyneside.

Howard to curb abuse of evidence

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will step up his law and order crusade today by unveiling proposals designed to curb abuse of the rules on disclosure of evidence at trials.

Defence lawyers will be required to give the prosecution details of the case they intend to present. By making them identify the issues that will be disputed in advance, Mr Howard hopes to prevent "ambushes" of the prosecution during the trial and to save court time. Judges will be permitted to draw an adverse inference if the defence uses such tactics.

Baby hopes grow

Karen Louise, the baby born 12 weeks prematurely to Karen Battenbough, 24, who was left in a coma after a car crash, was yesterday said to be making progress but still causing concern. Doctors at Singleton Hospital, Swansea, said they hoped she would be able to breathe without a ventilator within days. Mrs Battenbough remains seriously ill but stable.

Homeless pledge

Homeless people sleeping on the streets are to be given more state aid to find permanent accommodation, David Curry, the Housing Minister, announced yesterday. He said that the Rough Sleeping Initiative, which has helped *homeless people in London* since 1990 at a cost of £182 million, would not be wound up as planned. It may be extended to other cities.

Victims named

Police have named the four men who died when their car skidded off a road into the Ladybower reservoir in the Derbyshire Peak District. The driver was Iftikhar Hamid, 18, of Manchester. The others, all from Birmingham, were Sanjay Sehbev, 19, of Handsworth Wood; Gordon Gohil, 24, of Edgbaston; and Nehal Mehta, 22, of Selly Park.

Six died in fire

A fire that killed a woman's boyfriend, her three children, and two children of a friend, was described as a ghastly accident by the North Hampshire Coroner. The blaze swept through the semi-detached house in Hawley, near Farnborough, Hampshire, *early on Saturday*. Julie Cole, 31, was the only survivor. The hearing was adjourned until August.

Arms ruling

The College of Arms is to allow married women to use their maiden coat of arms, whether or not their husband is entitled to a family shield. Wives had been barred from bearing arms but many ignored the rules. Harold Brooks-Baker, of *Burke's Peerage*, believes the decision "is a move towards women inheriting titles".

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Youth upset by parents' divorce shot stranger


Purle: loner at school

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE public schoolboy son of a leading QC, who became withdrawn after his parents divorced, shot a 60-year-old stranger at a railway station with an air pistol before stabbing him, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

William Purle, 18, had written that he intended to kill someone in a diary. The entry read: "When one person is on the platform kill them." He also called himself "Son of Satan" in a poison pen letter.

Judge Denison, QC, described the attack on Colin Hadley at Effingham Junction station, Surrey, as "wicked". He rejected a submission from George Carman, QC, for Purle to be sent for hospital treatment and sentenced him to two years in detention.

Sally O'Neill, for the prosecution, said Purle armed himself with a Swiss Army knife and an air pistol he used for shooting rabbits at his father's home in Sussex. The motive was to raise money. "He decided he needed more money and was sick of asking his mother for more so he decided to try and get some." He had money in the building society but considered his allowance of £35 a month inadequate.

On the day of the attack last November, Purle found Mr Hadley, 60, a publisher from Exeter, alone on the platform. Without speaking, Purle pointed the airgun at him. His hands were shaking so much that it went off, hitting Mr Hadley in the chest. When Mr Hadley made a grab for the gun, knocking it from his hands, Purle produced the pen-knife and began to stab him.

Mr Hadley was wounded in the face but managed to make Purle drop the knife. No one was at the station so Mr Hadley held Purle down until a train arrived. Purle began to apologise to his victim as he lay pinned to the floor. He said that his parents had broken up. When he was arrested Purle told police: "I do not know why I did it. I did not know him." Miss O'Neill said he told detectives he often thought about shooting people and a diary in which he wrote his "disturbing fantasies" was found in his home.

An entry from June 1993 read: "Murder plan — write note to police. When one person is on the platform ... kill them." He had also written a poison pen letter to a stranger telling her: "I am the Son of Satan and I am going to kill you. You are going to die. Look out behind you ... I'll be there. I have got a 12-inch knife." Miss O'Neill added: "There was a lot in the diary about murder. He used to get angry at people."

Purle, who lives with his mother, a solicitor, in East Horsley, Surrey, and is a scholar at St John's School, Leatherhead, pleaded guilty to assault with intent to rob and another charge of unlawful wounding. His pleas of not guilty to attempted murder and wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm were accepted by the court. Mr Carman told the judge that Purle had become disturbed after his parents' marriage broke up.

"Why a young man born to a privileged home, who has had a very good education and is of above average intelligence should suddenly commit an offence of this kind is a puzzle. It is totally out of character," he said.

Mr Carman said Purle was tormented by what he has done. His eyes had been opened by six months in custody. "He knows of the shame he has brought to a proud and honourable family."

Charles Purle, QC, who has chambers in Lincoln's Inn, London, remarried when the defendant was 14 and now has two young sons. "He tried to integrate William into his new family but there was emotional and pyschological resistance. Going on inside this young man was emotional turmoil" Mr Carman said.

Christopher Tongue, head of St John's School, where Purle was a day scholar, said: "The father never once in the four and a half years his son was with us came to the school. William was concerned about his family situation. His father's children from a second marriage were christened last July and that, I believe, was a very stressful time.

"He believed that he was in some way responsible for the breakdown of his parents' marriage. He was a very sensitive boy who felt things very acutely. I think he would like to have been closer to his father than he was going to be able."

Dr Michael Brown, one of two psychiatrists, told the court that Purle was suffering from a reactive depressive illness.

Judge Denison praised Mr Hadley for his commendable courage and awarded him a "token" £250 for his bravery. Mr Hadley has made an 80 per cent recovery. He said outside the court: "It was a big gun. I just knew I had to disarm him. I could not allow him to get a second shot."


Hadley: chosen at random

Officers accused of killing Joy Gardner 'were a law unto themselves'

Police used 13ft of sticky tape to gag woman, court told

BY RICHARD DUCE

THREE police officers acted as a law unto themselves when they gagged an aggressive Jamaican woman with 13 feet of adhesive tape while trying to deport her. As a result Joy Gardner was starved of oxygen and died in hospital three days later, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

The officers, two men and a woman, were in breach of standing police instructions not to gag deportees other than in exceptional circumstances when they went to Mrs Gardner's home in Hornsey, north London, and burst through the chainlock of her first-floor flat.

John Bevan, for the prosecution, said the officers were working for Scotland Yard's Alien Deportation Group when they went to Mrs Gardner's flat early on July 28, 1993, to escort her to a flight from Gatwick to Jamaica.

Mr Bevan said: "It appears the ADG were a law unto themselves in that they alone used gags and regularly used waist restraining belts in the course of deportation movements. The death of Mrs Gardner has highlighted the acquiescence by officers of the ADG in the use of such implements."

Detective Sergeant Linda Evans, 42, PC Colin Whitby, 48, and PC John Burrell, 43, all deny manslaughter.

Mr Bevan said that Mrs Gardner, 40, who was 5ft 6in tall and weighed 13½ stone, was an illegal immigrant who had married an elderly British citizen after arriving in this country in 1987. The Home Office had determined it a marriage of convenience after her husband refused to support her application to stay, saying that she had been violent towards him.

The three officers on trial were accompanied to Mrs Gardner's flat by an immigration official and two local police officers. Mr Bevan said mention had been made of possible trouble before the officers arrived at Mrs Gardner's flat. When they knocked on the door at 7.40am, it opened six inches and was on a chain.

PC Burrell shouted: "Open the door, we are police officers." Mrs Gardner shouted: "You are not coming in — I am phoning my solicitor."


PC Colin Whitby


Joy Gardner


PC John Burrell

As police cut the security chain Mrs Gardner screamed "I am naked," although she was wearing a T-shirt and knickers. Her five-year-old son Graham, who was watching television, was taken off to get dressed. His mother "was waving her arms about and making a lot of noise". Mr Bevan said she was shouting: "I'll kill myself rather than go back to Jamaica."

He added that she was becoming more agitated and picked up the telephone and a salt and pepper set and banged them down on the table in the living room. Mrs Gardner had by now taken off her white T-shirt and was dressed only in her briefs.

Mr Bevan said that the three officers went to take hold of Mrs Gardner and PC Whitby called out "Decks".

"Mrs Gardner went down face first. She was turned on her back." Mr Bevan said a leather restraining belt was then strapped to her waist with her hands placed inside its handcuffs and further belts were then buckled to her thighs and ankles.

PC Whitby then took a roll of 2in wide adhesive tape and wrapped it around Mrs Gardner's head. A second roll was produced by Det Sgt Evans. Mr Bevan said a forensic scientist who later examined the tape found it to be 13ft long — enough to wrap around Mrs Gardner's head almost seven times. Mrs Gardner was left lying face down on the floor while officers gathered up her possessions and clothing.

Later, however, the police constables were seen feeling her neck for a pulse, Mr Bevan said. The officers then realised Mrs Gardner was in difficulty and removed the tape from her mouth and attempted to revive her. She was taken by ambulance to hospital where she died three days later after her life-support machine was switched off.

An initial post-mortem examination showed she suffered severe brain damage "as a result of asphyxiation due to obstruction of her mouth by a gag", Mr Bevan said. "The use of a gag is fraught with great danger. There was no evidence of existing disease that could have cause her death."

The court was told that two leading neurosurgeons had reached the same conclusion about Mrs Gardner's death. Two other doctors said she could have died as a result of a head injury after a fall but the prosecution rejected this explanation. Mr Bevan said that in 1983 the Metropolitan Police solicitor was asked for his views on the gagging of deportees by the ADG, now part of Scotland Yard's SO13. He replied that it could not be justified except where the pilot of an aircraft believed shouting and screaming by a deportee could endanger the safety of his flight. As a result standing instructions were issued, stating: "It would be difficult to justify gagging of deportees when not in flight."

But Mr Bevan claimed officers who had worked in the ADG for some years had adopted procedures using gags and restraint belts to which they were accustomed, "thus doubtless legitimising such treatment in their own eyes". He pointed out that anyone being deported was unlikely to complain about the restraint used as they were not likely to return to Britain immediately.

Mr Bevan added that the death of Mrs Gardner had attracted considerable publicity and jurors should avoid sympathy and prejudice when considering the case. "This case is a very unusual one. Put out of your minds any views about gender, colour, immmigration or the police," he said. The trial continues today.

ANDRE CAMARA


Detective Sergeant Linda Evans arriving at court yesterday. With the other officers she was said to have tried to revive Mrs Gardner when they saw she had breathing problems

Instructor took 'advantage of learner drivers'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A DRIVING instructor fondled a string of women while they were behind the wheel, a court was told yesterday. Christopher Briance, 50, allegedly touched their breasts when he leant over to adjust their seatbelts and rubbed their thighs as they changed gear.

John Snell, for the prosecution, told Lincoln Crown Court that Mr Briance was arrested when a 17-year-old learner reported him. Police approached several other women who had learnt to drive at his Tinwel School of Motoring in Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Mr Snell said: "A picture emerged of several women, all unknown to each other, with remarkably similar tales to tell about the way he had misbehaved and taken advantage of them."

Mr Snell said that on one occasion Mr Briance, a married man, took a pupil for an evening lesson and told her to drive to a deserted spot where he put his hand down her blouse. On another occasion he pushed a customer's seat back and kissed her neck. It is alleged that Mr Briance talked about sex with his female learner drivers and made crude remarks about women who walked past in the street. Once he allegedly asked a pupil whose boyfriend was serving overseas in the RAF if she was "missing it".

One of Mr Briance's former customers told the court that she had changed instructors because she always felt uncomfortable when she was in his car. "He would lean across my front and pull the seatbelt across me and his hand would brush against my chest," she said. She had been so worried by Mr Briance's behaviour and crude sexual comments that she always wore trousers during lessons.

Mr Briance, of Stamford, Lincolnshire, denies eight counts of indecent assault between December 1985 and July 1993. He says that the women are involved in a conspiracy and have been pressed into making allegations against him.

The trial was adjourned until today.

Injured victim names attacker

A MAN who was left brain-damaged after being attacked with a metal bar saw his attacker jailed for nine years yesterday.

Patrick Richardson, 42, a father of four, took the witness box to identify his assailant even though he can barely speak. He gave his evidence using sign language and answering questions "Yes" or "No". He also wrote down answers and pointed to maps and lists.

After the case, Mr Richardson, who suffers from a condition known as dysphasia which hinders the ability to communicate, said he was glad he had given evidence. Ruth Coles, of Action for Dysphasic Adults, said: "I am delighted that somebody with a language impairment has been able to give evidence which has been accepted and has led to a conviction."

John Elliott, unemployed, one of Mr Richardson's neighbours in Northampton, had pleaded not guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm with intent last July.

Northampton Crown Court was told that the two men had fallen out after a dispute. The next day, Elliott let himself into Mr Richardson's house. He found Mr Richardson asleep on the sofa and, holding the bar in both hands, beat him around the head and body. During his evidence, Mr Richardson said he had woken to find Elliott standing over him.

Judge Hilary Gosling told Elliott: "This was a deliberate, planned and brutal assault and you have left your victim with a serious and permanent disability. You are a menace to society." Six year ago, Elliott was convicted of maliciously wounding another neighbour and possessing an offensive weapon.

Burglars bungle Python break-in

TWO burglars who attempted to break into the house of Michael Palin, the actor and Monty Python comedian, were so drunk that they could not work out how to enter.

While Nicholas O'Connell, 20, and Glen Hilliard, 18, fumbled noisily at his front door, Mr Palin was able to take down their descriptions, telephone the police, and watch their attempt to break in, Southwark Crown Court was told yesterday. O'Connell and Hilliard, both of Kentish Town, north London, admitted attempted burglary in January this year.

Jason Dunn-Shaw, for the prosecution, said Mr Palin was woken at about 4.15am by the sound of voices and the letter box rattling. Glancing through his curtains, he realised that two men were attempting to break in through his front door. "He could see two young men. One produced a metal tape measure and tried to insert this to release the catch. Mr Palin returned to his bedroom, roused his wife, who rang the police, and had the presence of mind to write down descriptions of the men."

Both defendants, who were still trying to gain entry when the police arrived, ran off but were caught and denied they had been trying to break in. Stephen Walters, for the defence, said the pair had been drinking heavily: "They both have very hazy recollections of what transpired."

Sentencing O'Connell to eight months in prison and Hilliard to 140 hours' community service, Judge Butler, QC, said: "I accept you had both been drinking at the time of this offence, which probably explains your inability to gain entry, but an excess of drink does not provide mitigation."

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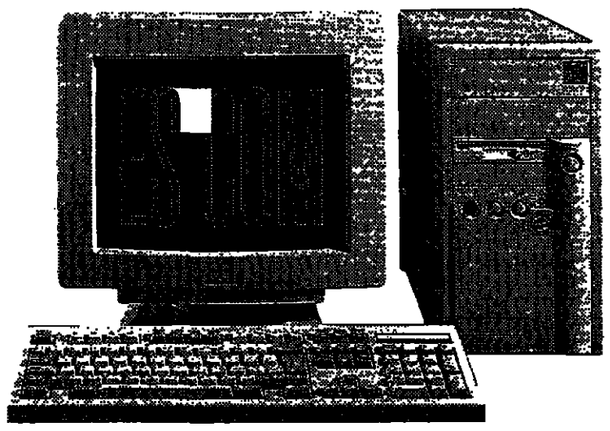
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High Court told that Armed Forces 'are pandering to prejudice rather than seeking to prevent it'

Sacked servicemen fight to end military ban on homosexuals

BY TIM JONES

DEFENCE ministers and service chiefs were accused yesterday of pandering to irrational prejudices and intolerance by insisting that known homosexuals could not serve in the Armed Forces.

David Pannick, QC, told the High Court that such a restriction on homosexual men and women would not have been tolerated had it been imposed against black people, Jews or other minorities. Promising military careers had been shattered because of it.

Four former service personnel are seeking a judicial review of their dismissals, as well as the MoD policy that homosexuality is "incompatible with military service" and it contention that lifting the ban would "damage morale and unit effectiveness".

Mr Pannick said it was absurd to suggest that an RAF nurse could pose a threat to security when the Government had decided that being a homosexual did not prevent a person working as a senior civil servant or ambassador.

"This absolute policy serves no coherent or legitimate purpose. It panders to an irrational prejudice and intolerance. It is incompatible with any concept of human rights and dignity. It demeans all those who are responsible for its implementation," he said.

Duncan Lustig-Prean, 36, of London, a former lieutenant commander and the most senior of the four, had an exemplary service record and was dismissed as unsuitable months after being commended by his commanding officer. The others applicants are Graeme Grady, 32, of London, a former RAF sergeant who is married with two children; Jeanette Smith, 28, of Edinburgh, a former RAF nurse; and John Beckett, 25, of Sheffield, a former Royal Navy weapons engineer. All had civilian partners. Mr Pannick, who is representing three of the applicants, said each had served with skill and efficiency and to the satisfaction of their superior officers. "But for the policy which we challenge, there is every reason to consider that they would have continued to do so."

Mr Grady, who is in the process of a divorce, was the chief clerk at British Defence Intelligence Liaison Staff in Washington DC and had the highest security clearance.

Mr Pannick said the ban breached the European Convention on Human Rights and contravened European Union law. "This case is concerned with whether the Ministry of Defence can adopt a policy that all homosexuals must be discharged from the forces, however much they keep their sexual orientation off-base and in their private lives. It is about however distinguished their work record, however much they may be individuals who can be trusted and relied upon to perform their duties, they must be dismissed."

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis had suggested in evidence that there were special reasons why a disciplined force needed to exclude all homosexuals. These included their potentially adverse effect on morale and efficiency, the problems of living in close proximity, and the fact that the forces acted as guardians for the 35 per cent of recruits who were aged 18 and below the age of sexual consent.

But Mr Pannick said that other disciplined forces, such as the police, had admitted homosexuals without any of these adverse consequences, and that armies of Nato and Commonwealth countries had dropped such bans. "The Armed Forces are pandering to prejudice rather than seeking to prevent it," he said. Sir Ian McKellen, the actor, who was in court, said afterwards: "The servicemen all have exemplary records, especially Duncan Lustig-Prean. His record is like a rave review in the theatre."

The case continues.



CHRIS HARRIS

Four fighting the MoD, from left: Duncan Lustig-Prean, Jeanette Smith, John Beckett and Graeme Grady

Airmen suspended for year on full pay

BY MICHAEL EVANS

SIX RAF officers who have been suspended for a year after admitting being homosexual may take legal action to keep their jobs.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed yesterday that four senior air crew and two ground staff were waiting for their cases to be decided by the RAF board. They are all receiving full pay.

Under Queen's Regulations, officers who admit to homosexuality are required to resign their commission. However, no final decision has yet been taken concerning the six RAF officers.

Four of them have taken legal advice, although none is yet prepared to start legal proceedings. Madeline Rees, a solicitor who has given advice to the four, said yesterday: "Realistically, these officers should have already left the service because of the policy on homosexuality, but the Ministry of Defence doesn't seem to know what to do."

Women soldiers win £6,000 over redundancy bias

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Ministry of Defence faces further compensation demands from former servicewomen who claim they received less redundancy money than male colleagues of the same rank.

Having already paid out nearly £45 million to more than 4,000 ex-servicewomen who were unlawfully dismissed after becoming pregnant, the ministry admitted yesterday that it had also broken European equal-pay legislation in handing out smaller redundancy payments to women. Three women brought a test case, supported by the Equal Opportunities Commission, claiming that they were unfairly treated when they left the Army last year as part of the Government's Options for Change redundancy programme.

The case, heard at a Southampton industrial tribunal, was settled out of court when the ministry agreed to pay compensation of more than £6,000 to each woman. Former Lance-Corporal Catherine Hollingworth, 27, from Reading, Berkshire, and Lance Corporals Christine Dickinson, 31, and Inga Thompson, 27, both from Aldershot, Hampshire, had accepted voluntary redundancy after more than eight years of service. But they received £12,000 severance pay — £6,000 less than men of the same rank and service.

Dinah Rose, appearing for the three women at the tribunal, said: "This is as clear a case of direct sex discrimination as you will ever find. These women received lower redundancy payments on the ground of their sex."

A spokesman for the ministry said that the women received smaller payments because they had different employment contracts. Under previous arrangements, women were allowed to sign up for only three years.

Those who stayed in the Army after their initial three-year period remained on a lower pay scale despite their length of service.

However, men were allowed to sign up for nine years, putting them on a higher pay and pension scale. "So when they were made redundant, they were eligible for an extra commitment payment because they had signed up for nine years," he said.

Fifty-four women from the now disbanded WRAC have launched compensation claims on the same ground. Having accepted liability in the case yesterday, the ministry now expects to pay out another £400,000 in settlements to the other claimants. The pay of some women still serving will be upgraded.



Catherine Hollingworth: out-of-court payment

Army drug tests catch 19 offenders

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NINETEEN soldiers have been identified as drug takers after the Army's new random drug-testing teams swooped on 41 different units. They now face dismissal from the service.

Although laboratory tests showed that the majority had been taking cannabis, one soldier proved positive for LSD, registered as a class A drug with heroin and cocaine. There was also evidence of Ecstasy, another class A drug, and amphetamines. There were no cases of heroin or cocaine.

The Army's special compulsory drug-testing teams took urine samples from 3,619 officers and soldiers between January and the beginning of May in Britain, Northern Ireland and Germany. The 19 discovered to be taking drugs represent just over 0.5 per cent of those involved in the random checks. This compares with official Home Office figures which show that in any one year, some three million people, or 6 per cent of the population, take an illegal drug.

An Army spokesman would not say which regiments had been checked, but the testing was carried out across the whole range of units. Nor was he able to say how many of the 19 had been dismissed.

Compulsory drug testing was introduced by the Army in December last year, after trials were carried out in 1993.

Army personnel have been warned that anyone found to be taking class A drugs would face immediate dismissal while officers would be forced to resign if random checks proved they were taking any type of drug, soft or hard. Non-commissioned officers above the rank of lance corporal are liable to administrative discharge.

CORRECTIONS

☐ Mr Clive Stanbrook, QC, is leading defence counsel in the Blantyre trial in which Dr Hastings Banda and others are accused of murder (report, May 3).

☐ Liberal Democrats have majorities on Chelmsford, Aylesbury Vale and Mid-Sussex and Waverley District Councils (map, May 6).



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Charity calls for prosecution of 'child-sex tourists'

By Michael Horsnell

SENIOR detectives fighting an explosion in sexual exploitation of children joined forces with Christian Aid yesterday. They both want the Government to drop its opposition to legislation allowing the prosecution of Britons involved in "child-sex tourism".

British paedophiles are said to be among the worst offenders drawn to the burgeoning market in child prostitution in Third World countries.

Christian Aid called for an end to the immunity from prosecution of Britons who abuse children abroad and demanded government support. A report by the charity coincides with Lord Hylton's Sexual Offences Amendment Bill, which has survived three readings in the Lords and is due to be considered by the Commons shortly.

But the Government opposes the Bill, which would commit Britain to following Australia, Germany, Sweden, France and Norway in criminalising the sexual exploitation of children overseas — notably in Thailand, the Philippines, Kenya and Brazil. The Home Office has said that the Bill would raise practical problems and that it would be counter-productive to introduce an ineffective law as well as interfere with the laws of other countries.

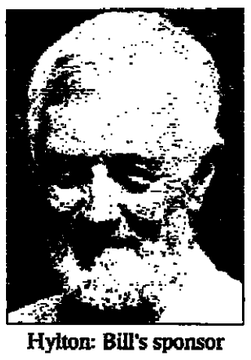
Sources at Scotland Yard's newly formed Paedophile and Child Pornography Unit indicated yesterday, however, that such legislation was vital in cracking down on the sexual exploitation of children.

Police, who have developed a computer index of more than 4,000 known or suspected paedophiles in Britain, despair at the international networks that have developed in recent years. The networks have produced an explosion of increasingly violent hard-core pornography that is facilitated by the "information superhighway".

One police source said: "As policemen we can only support anything which will assist us to identify and prosecute paedophile offenders. I cannot see how we could fail to take action against the activities of British paedophiles abroad in the British courts." That was despite logistic difficulties in gathering evidence in countries where the law might ban child prostitution but where local officers turn a blind eye to it.

The Christian Aid report, *An Abuse of Innocence*, said that child prostitution involved forcing children to engage in activities they were too young to choose to do freely and the exploitation of poverty. "Many child prostitutes are depressed, some are suicidal. They lose their childhood. They have no sense of future," the report said. The United Kingdom has signed the United Nations Convention On the Rights of the Child, which calls upon governments to take action to prevent child prostitution, but had not committed itself to support legislation that would bring paedophiles into British courts for offences committed abroad.

It is believed that 200,000 Nepalese girls have been sold into sexual slavery in Indian brothels, 60,000 children work as prostitutes in the Philippines and another 200,000 in Thailand. In Colombia one third of all prostitutes are now under 14 and one in 20 is under 10. Up to 10,000 boys aged between 6 and 14 are said to be enslaved in brothels in Sri Lanka. The report says:



Hylton: Bill's sponsor

"Some of the men who abuse children in developing countries communicate informally with one another, thereby socially reinforcing their activity. They have also turned to computer networks to spread information about sex tourism and child prostitutes. The information superhighway offers these men a new opportunity to circumvent international and national legislation that bans their activities."

Christian Aid also suggested that the police database of child abusers might be extended to pinpoint sex tourists in the same way as computer information on soccer hooligans has produced a telephone hotline to identify them.

Jenny Borden, overseas director for the charity, said: "Lord Hylton's Bill is a chance to show that the UK is willing to be part of the solution when it comes to child prostitution."

The Bill's sponsor, Lord Hylton, a crossbencher and great grandson of Herbert Asquith, the Liberal Prime Minister, said: "The United Kingdom already has extra-territorial jurisdiction for the crimes of murder, slavery and torture. I believe sexual offences against children should be added."

Police have responded to the increase in hard-core child pornography and the abuse of children by setting up their new unit with 16 full-time officers under the umbrella of the Organised Crime Group at Scotland Yard. New offender-profiling techniques and the creation of an intelligence database have marked a determination to tackle the problem.

Schools rise to challenge of tests

By Ben Preston
Education Correspondent

THE first national tests for 11-year-olds began yesterday virtually free of the disruption that threatened to derail government education reforms in the past two years.

More than 620,000 pupils sat a 35-minute science test, the first of seven papers lasting nearly five hours to be taken this week. Pupils aged seven and 14 will also complete tests in English, mathematics and science this term.

Government advisers emphasised that yesterday's exercise bore no relation to the old 11-plus. They said that the results would not be used to determine entry to secondary school, not least because admissions will be decided before the results next month.

The three main classroom unions abandoned their test boycott last year after a £30 million government package to reduce the workload. Opposition to yesterday's tests was restricted to some parents at St Sidwell's Church of England Combined School in Exeter, who kept at home 15 of the 35 pupils due to sit the test.

Karen Gill, a mother of four who organised the protest, said the tests caused unnecessary stress and had no educational benefit. But Stephen Butterworth, deputy head at St Sidwell's, said: "I talked to the children after they sat the test and they appeared to be delighted and happy with it."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said external markers had reduced the burden on teachers. But the Government's intention to use test results in future for league tables could damage relations.

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ANDRE CAMARA



Some of 700 potential jurors arriving at the Old Bailey yesterday for a briefing by Mr Justice Phillips, who will try Kevin and Ian Maxwell on fraud charges at the end of the month. They were asked about any problems they might face if called to serve. More possible jurors for the trial, which could last six months, will be briefed next week

Bar's new entry system aims to scotch claims of legal old-boy network

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

PROPOSALS to end the "haphazard" scramble for places at the Bar are to be published. The move also aims to put paid to claims that some trainees are offered places in return for sex or through "old-boy" contacts.

Bar leaders have drawn up proposals, to be outlined this week, for the profession's first formal clearing-house entry system, similar to that run by universities. The system would ensure that all candidates were selected in line with equal opportunity codes and using consistent criteria.

At present there are about 1,100 Bar students chasing between 700 and 800 places in chambers and if more universities are validated to run Bar courses, as is proposed, the numbers will increase.

Peter Goldsmith, QC, Bar chairman, said the Bar must put an end to any practice that fuels any allegation that it is a closed club. "An open clearing scheme that enables chambers to compare a field of applicants at one time on an equal basis would end haphazard selection procedures and encourage the practice and the perception of selection on objective merit, on which the Bar's future quality and strength depend."

At present students have to make their own applications — on average 50 each — to chambers, which do not co-ordinate interviews or selection procedures. Under a clearing-house scheme, expected to be running by autumn next year, there would be a single application form and a timetable for applications, interviews and offers. It would not however be compulsory, which is likely to lead to some criticism that it may not be fully effective.

In the past two weeks there has been concern over reports of traineeships (pupillages) being offered in return for sex. There has also been concern that some pupillages are offered outside chambers' normal selection procedures.

The Bar Council has launched an inquiry into this practice — known as private pupillage — after a complaint (not upheld) against Cherie Booth, QC. She gave a six-month trainee place to Buster Cox, the son of a friend, Barry Cox, a former television executive.

But Bar students desperately hunting places are also angry over the awarding of trainee places to sons of senior legal figures.

The sons of Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, Northern Ireland Secretary, and Mr Justice Lightman have both obtained places in their fathers' old chambers. However both chambers insist the candidates are extremely good and that they won their places strictly on merit through proper procedures and in open competition.

Douglas Close, secretary of Mr Justice Lightman's old chambers, said that Daniel Lightman was an outstanding candidate who had won the place entirely on merit.

"We adhere to the principles of the equality code. Daniel Lightman was interviewed and also did a mini-pupillage with us in competition with others.

"His CV was quite outstanding and he had offers from other very notable Chancery sets — in fact he is going to another set to do his second six months' pupillage. He chose to come to us, and I can't comment on his reasons for chosing us in preference to others."

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Jewish mediation service praised

By Frances Gibb

SENIOR judges including Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Woolf, the law lord, have backed the first arbitration and mediation service for the Jewish community, which is launched today.

The scheme will cover most secular disputes but not matrimonial matters, with fees on a sliding scale according to people's means. The panel of arbitrators and mediators will be qualified in areas such as banking and medicine.

Dr Colin Livingston, a doctor and barrister, will head the non-profitmaking service, run by the Central Council for Jewish Services. He said: "This will enable people on modest means to come to arbitration or mediation." Lord Woolf said it was "an excellent initiative".



Woolf: praised service

Judge condemns training plan for probation officers

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

A HIGH Court judge strongly criticised government plans to overhaul the training of probation officers as "absolute nonsense" yesterday.

Mr Justice Garland said he was aghast at proposals by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to end the requirement that probation officers have a social work qualification. Sir Patrick, a former presiding judge of the South Eastern Circuit, said the Government appeared to be wilfully misunderstanding the case load of most probation officers.

Under the proposals there will be direct recruitment with "on the job" training. Ministers would like to see more men join the 8,000-strong service, including those leaving the armed forces and the police.

The judge, president of the Central Probation Council, which represents the 55 probation committees in England and Wales, said: "The whole thing is wrong. The diploma in social work is going in an attempt to get the right people to apply to be probation officers."

He said nearly half of those entering the service were doing so as a second career and 35 per cent of applicants were over 30 years old and 29 per cent over 40. The Home Office had wilfully misunderstood the task of probation officers.

"It is not a matter of shouting orders, telling people to get their hair cut and to stand up straight. Probation officers have to deal with people with a range of social inadequacies including misuse of drugs and alcohol," he said.

Sir Patrick expressed reservations about the Home Secretary's proposals to give magistrates and judges more say over the content of non-custodial sentences handed out to offenders. Mr Howard has proposed that the courts be given the power to determine details of a single community sentence that will replace existing probation and community service orders.

But Sir Patrick said that to allow judges and magistrates to meddle too closely in the content of punishment would take away from the professional judgment of probation staff. "I don't want to say what will go on in a community sentence. There are all sorts of practical difficulties if sentencers get involved. I do not have the skills to put myself in the place of the probation officer who is dealing with an offender day in and day out," he said.

Today a thousand probation officers are to lobby parliament in protest at what they claim is a series of attacks on their service. Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said: "The Home Secretary's review of probation training is deeply flawed. These ill-thought-out ideas will cause the deterioration of service both to the courts and the community."

NEWS IN BRIEF

ITV chiefs accused of failing to invest

Advertising executives have criticised ITV for spending too little money on programmes and for losing viewers.

In a letter to the ITV Network Centre, the Institute of Practitioners in Advertisers rebukes the channel for failing to invest into programming cash from efficiency savings and from a windfall £57.3 million levy from Channel 4.

Advertisers are also unhappy that figures published yesterday by the IPA show that ITV's audience share — while much the largest in Britain — fell by 1.6 points to 38 per cent in the first quarter of 1995.

Help for pupils

Children from the Walter Halls Primary School, Mapperley, Nottinghamshire, who saw Joan Whitehall, 47, their school secretary, drown after falling under a barge on a Birmingham canal, have been promised counselling.

TV licence let-off

A woman who claimed she did not buy a television licence because the reception was so bad she only used the set to watch videos was given an absolute discharge. Magistrates told Clare Beddoes, 39, from Black Dog, Devon, she still needed a licence.

Boy's killer jailed

Brian Doherty, 21, who abducted and beat to death Kieran Hegarty, 11, in a wood outside Strabane, Co Tyrone, last year after discharging himself from a psychiatric hospital, was sentenced to life for manslaughter by Antrim Crown Court.

Costly slip-up

Gillian Rennison, 31, of South Hetton, who was off work for 10 weeks after dislocating a knee when she slipped on pigeon droppings in Sunderland in 1992, has received "several thousand pounds" from the city council in an out-of-court settlement.

Carers cleared

Two care assistants, Angela Atuegwa, 19, and Annelaine Kelly, 35, who lowered Rachel Blitz, 89, into a bath of scalding water at a private residential home in Stepney, east London, were cleared of her manslaughter by the Old Bailey.

Cat burglars

Thieves who took a classic Jaguar worth £25,000 left an Austin Cambridge in its place. The blue mark II Jaguar, with Belgian numberplates, had been driven from Belgium for a sale at the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, Hampshire.

Glued to phone

A woman was trapped for 20 minutes in a telephone box in Aston, Birmingham, when she became stuck to a glue-smeared handset. Firemen cut the cord and took her to hospital with the receiver still attached. After its removal, she was treated for burns.

Rob Roy comes to the aid of the nationalists

■ *In the films, Scots heroes are routing the English. On the political battlefield of Perth and Kinross, it is expected to be a similar story, Gillian Bowditch reports*

SCOTLAND played host to a £1 million party on Sunday night. The makers of the Hollywood film *Rob Roy*, set up a six-level marquee with waterfall, fish ponds and a thousand candles beneath Edinburgh Castle.

The 700 guests drank champagne and dined on oysters, salmon, venison and haggis. The interior was a riot of cascading tulips and white roses. Standing on the dance floor in an elegant, beaded, black evening dress was Roseanna Cunningham, the Scottish National Party candidate in the Perth and Kinross by-election.

Nationalism in Scotland is glamorous. It is also fashionable. Every fifth car on the road from Perth to Glasgow displays a nationalist sticker with the slogan "Rise now and be a nation again".

By contrast, the small gathering of diehard Tories who met for the Scottish Conservative Party conference in Glasgow last week hid their conference badges in their pockets before facing the demonstrators and *Big Issue* sellers on Sauchiehall Street.

There has never been a worse time to be a Tory in Scotland or a better time to be a nationalist. The kilt, once treated as an embarrassment in its native land, was worn with pride by many at Sunday's premier party. Even the English were in tartan trews.

The resurgence of Scottish pride is likely to be fuelled by this year's Hollywood blockbusters *Rob Roy*, and *Braveheart*, about Scots hero William Wallace. They may well do as much for the SNP as for the Scottish Tourist Board. The superficial themes of these films, in which Scots heroes beat the dominant but morally inferior English, are also being played out on the Scottish political scene. John Young, a senior Scottish Tory and leader of the Tory group on Glasgow council, says the big problem his party faces is the perception that it is an English party.

The next battle in this increasingly bitter war between Nationalism and Conservatism will be fought in ten days' time in Perthshire where much of *Rob Roy* was filmed. Miss Cunningham and the SNP are expected to inflict a humiliating defeat on the Tory candidate John Godfrey.

This outcome for the by-election is now so accepted by political activists of all persuasions that the focus has shifted to whether the Tories will be beaten into third place by Labour's Douglas Alexander. Labour took 12.4 per cent of the vote in the general election to the Tory candidate's 40 per cent but the latest polls put the Tories third behind the SNP and Labour.

Those campaigning in Perth say that the electorate would vote for a passing Martian if it were certain to oust the Tories. But for decades a Tory candidate in this constituency could commit almost any sin known to the Conservative whips and still be returned to Parliament. The seat has been held by the Tories for 72 years, 21 of them by Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, a man of wit and eccentricity for whom many in the constituency had a soft spot.

This month John Godfrey, 31, a respectable young Tory banker with Scottish credentials and a pleasant, eager manner, will find that no matter how well he performs on a personal level, the electorate will reject him.

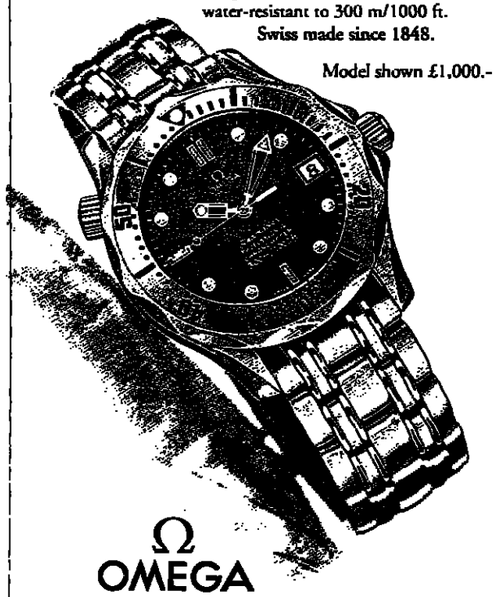
Many who will vote SNP will do so for tactical reasons and many have admitted they do not want to see Scottish independence. But much of the credit for the SNP gains in the constituency must go to Miss Cunningham. The people of Perth and Kinross believe that this smart, straightforward lawyer will make a more than acceptable ambassador for the constituency at Westminster.

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British scientists hold out the prospect of painless weight reduction

Fat-busting jab could end need to diet or exercise

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A SIMPLE injection for treating obesity in humans that could end the need to slim or diet is being developed by British scientists. A decade of research into antibodies that destroy fat cells in pigs and sheep shows that the same techniques can be developed for humans.

Dr David Flint and Dr Chris Henshaw, who have been licensed by the technique's patent-owner to develop it, said yesterday the team expected to carry out tests on humans in two to three years and hoped to have the anti-obesity injection on the market soon after.

Tests indicate that the injection can be used to kill fat throughout the body or in one area. That would allow doctors to treat cellulite on the buttocks or excess fat on the face, legs or tummy without reducing fat levels elsewhere.

Dr Henshaw, director of the Medical Research Council's collaborative research centre in Mill Hill, north London, said that photographs of two pork chops taken from the same animal showed that localised treatment could reduce fat levels. "The new technique is essentially biological liposuction. The beauty of the whole thing is that adipocytes (fat cells) do not replicate in adulthood. You only have a certain number. So if you get rid of them you get rid of your capability to store fat."

Two methods to treat humans are being tested. The trick is to modify human antibodies so that they look normal to the body's disease-fighting system but are programmed to hit fat cells. One involves injecting human fat cells into a mouse. The mouse recognises them as foreign, which triggers an immune response generating anti-fat antibodies. These can be collected and cultured.

His partner, Dr Flint, of the Hannah Research Institute in Ayr, said: "If you put these back into a human, his or her body would see these as from a mouse, so you have to humanise them. It is quite a straightforward process these days."



Henshaw: two methods

Another technique being tested involves screening human fat tissue for "sleepy" antibodies with the potential to attack fat cells. Those are then "reawakened" through genetic engineering. When people are born, the body produces attack cells for all the tissues and organs but swiftly switches them off, leaving a few weak ones floating around. The scientists plan to screen those from fat and restore them to full power.

The method is a man-made version of so-called auto-immune diseases such as diabetes where the body suddenly starts attacking its own organs. Unlike those diseases, however, the anti-fat injection will be short-lived, with the antibodies dying after they have done their job.

The researchers also plan to study the exact dose levels needed to kill a proportion of human fat cells and see how much of the broken-down fat ends up in the blood stream, putting patients at risk of heart disease.

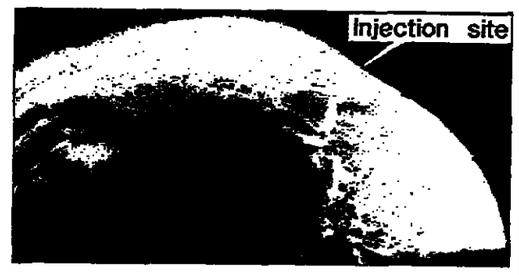
Dr Henshaw said that patients might need several low-level injections over months and possibly years. He added: "We have also identified through discussions with vets a huge market in the United States for treating overweight dogs and cats." America was providing nearly all the funding and commercial interest.

Dr Sheila Flynn, of the British Technology Group, which owns the patent to the idea, said that field trials were starting in the United States on pigs. A company in Iowa would market the lean-meat injection worldwide.

Dr Caroline Pond of the Open University, who has studied the role of fat in animals, doubted that the technique would be specific enough to remove only unnecessary fat. She suspected that it would be more useful in farm animals than in humans.



Above: untreated pork chop showing the fat tissues
Below: a chop from the same animal after injection



'Safe' alternative to the Pill and coil launched

BY CATHERINE MILTON, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A NEW contraceptive that is said to combine the advantages of the Pill and the coil but avoid some of their side-effects will be available on prescription from today.

The Swedish-Finnish developed "Mirena" releases tiny amounts of contraceptive hormone directly into the womb. The 32 millimetre T-shaped plastic insert is fitted through the entrance to the womb and sits at its top in a similar way to the coil. Mirena does not contain artificial oestrogen, which has been linked with thrombosis, but carries levonorgestrel, a progesterone hormone found in commonly prescribed pills.

The dose is also much smaller than even the lowest-dose oral contraceptive. Over one week, Mirena releases the equivalent of two mini-pills into a woman's bloodstream. The hormone acts on mucus which lies within the entrance of the womb, making it difficult for sperm to enter. It also alters the lining of the womb, making it thinner and less receptive to any eggs which are fertilised. Traditional copper coils are associated with heavy bleeding and pain but Mirena makes periods lighter and less painful. About 20 per cent of women stop having periods but all return to their normal levels of fertility once the device is removed.

As an intrauterine system, similar to a coil, Mirena avoids the user-error problems of the Pill, condoms and diaphragms: forgetting to take them or wear them. It is effective for three years. In clinical trials, conducted in 20 countries since the 1970s, it has matched sterilisation for reliability.

John Guillebaud, Professor of Family Planning at University College Hospital, London, said: "It is the most significant advance in contraception since the invention of the Pill. In many respects the system rewrites the textbooks. It reverses the heavy bleeding and increased pain associated with traditional copper coils but uses a far lower dose of the hormone found in commonly prescribed pills."

Astrology obsession led to two killings

A MAN obsessed with astrology killed his five-year-old son and his own mother while they slept because he believed he was saving them from evil. Alan Cooney, 29, a former soldier, believed there was going to be a revolution and after strangling his mother with his hands he strangled his son with a tie, Liverpool Crown Court was told.

Cooney denied murder last August but pleaded guilty to unlawfully killing the couple on the ground of diminished responsibility. Mr Justice Kay, who made an indefinite hospital order, told Cooney it was quite clear from the work of several experienced doctors that he had a mental illness and continued to suffer from that affliction.

Cooney met Yvonne Triggs, the mother of his son Myles, in 1983 when he was in The Cheshire Regiment. Their "wonderful" relationship deteriorated and he made unfounded allegations that she was having a relationship with another man, the court was told. They separated last June and he moved in with his mother, 58-year-old Anne Watkinson, at her home in Birkenhead, but continued to see Myles regularly at their home near by.

Cooney visited his doctor twice and was diagnosed as being morbidly jealous and suffering from mental illness. He was prescribed anti-depressants and a sedative and arrangements were made for him to see a psychiatric nurse. He told his cousin that he had consulted the stars and there was going to be an upheaval and death.

Man fell to death 'escaping attackers'

A STUDENT fell to his death trying to escape a gang that threatened him after a Christmas party, an inquest was told yesterday.

Sean Harper, 20, is thought to have been chased on to the roof of the building where the party was held, before falling down a disused London Underground ventilation shaft. His body was not found until several weeks later by an engineer making a routine tunnel inspection.

Mr Harper, an engineering student from Great Yarmouth, had gone to the party in London University's Royal Naval Unit in Kensington, west London, with three friends. He left alone in the early hours of December 15.

Meredith Gamble, an office worker whose bedroom overlooks the building in the Brompton Road, told the inquest she was woken by screaming. "I heard three or four different male voices shouting for a couple of minutes," she said.

"One of the voices was quite different from the others because it was particularly disturbing, it was clearly someone who was in great fear. He was alternately screaming and yelling. I definitely gained the impression that there was a chase of some sorts."

Squadron Leader Michael Silvani, the adjutant of the University Squadron, which also uses the building, told the coroner that access to the roof and the shaft could be made only by a door at the top of a staircase for which he had the only key. An open verdict was recorded.

Reprieved dog to be put down

BY MARIANNE DARCH

A DOG that was saved from a death sentence imposed for biting a policeman is to be put down after attacking a second person.

Philip and Carole Dole successfully challenged the 1991 Dangerous Dogs Act after magistrates ordered that Saaba, their alsatian, be put down.

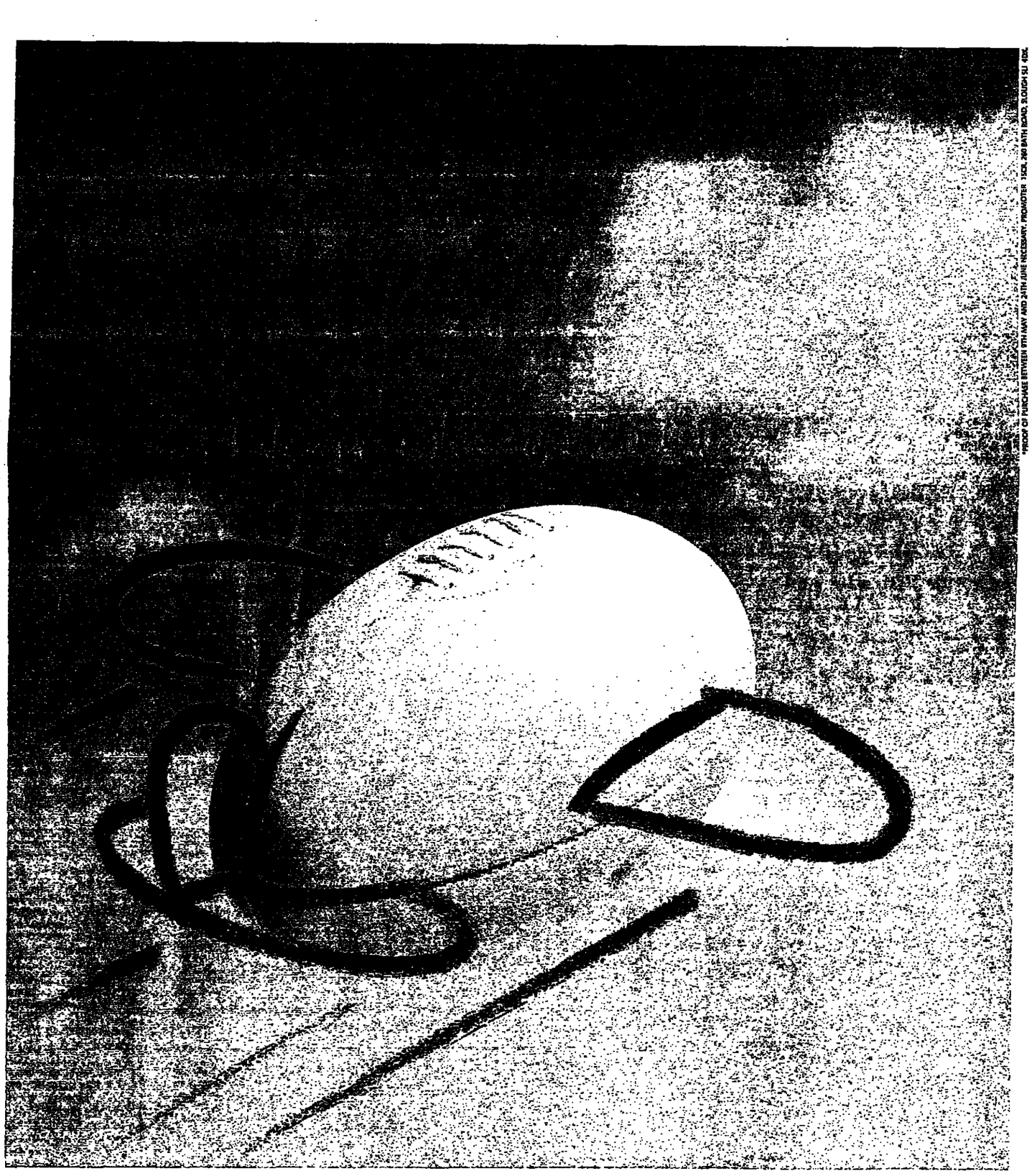
- Alan Clark, the former Tory minister, and the writers Jilly Cooper and Carla Lane backed their campaign to save Saaba, which bit the policeman when he tried to round it up after it had strayed. Brigitte Bardot sent a representative to the two Crown Court appeals against the destruction order. Roger Gale, MP for Thanet North, called for an urgent review of the Act.
- Others to campaign for the dog included the Newcastle United football team and their manager Kevin Keegan, and the anthropologist Desmond Morris.
- On Friday, six months after the reprieve, Saaba attacked a woman who called at the family's home in Chatham, Kent. Susan Burden, a water board official, suffered six bites to her arms and legs as she stood at the front door. She did not need hospital treatment.

Ms Burden said: "It was a complete shock; I didn't realise what had happened until it was over. I have been on pain killers since the attack. There's no doubt that the dog should be put down. If the victim had been a child the injuries would have been a lot worse."

Saaba had recently given birth to eight puppies, four of which had died, and may have seen Ms Burden as a potential threat to her remaining litter. Carla Lane said: "Saaba was protecting them. This woman arrives at the house every week, but Saaba thought her puppies were in danger for some reason and bit her. It is heart-breaking. She is not a bad dog."

Mrs Dole, 39, said during the campaign to save Saaba that she would not hesitate to take appropriate steps if the dog attacked again. It will be destroyed when the remaining puppies are weaned.

Jane Lilliwhite, a family friend and campaign supporter, said: "It is a lesson to us all. We have to remember that dogs are the same as us and sometimes we react in a bad way. Saaba is not a dangerous dog. We proved that when we took her round meeting children and all sorts of people. The Dangerous Dogs Act still needs abolishing."



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Right plies Major with cocktail of policy ideas

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE removal of police motorway patrols, the abolition of television licences and a cut in the basic income tax rate to 10 per cent have been proposed to John Major in a right-wing agenda designed to prove that there is still an abundance of policies for a Tory government to carry through.

The Prime Minister told Scottish Tories on Friday that the Government was still "fizzing with ideas" as he promised a grand consultation exercise to draw up a "people's policy" for the next election.

He may well have had in mind a thought-provoking right-wing policy document circulating in Whitehall and Westminster including 10 Downing Street. Although many of its proposals are far too hot for the Government to handle, others are already in the policy pipeline and some are being floated by ministers.

The tax proposal was forwarded as part of a programme to switch from taxes on earning, saving and wealth creation to taxes on consumption, pollution and resource depletion. The concept was seized upon by the leading rightwinger Michael Forsyth, the Home Office Minister, in his speech to the party conference in Glasgow last week.

Under the far-reaching policy ideas proposed by influential outside advisers, a basic tax rate of 10 per cent would be financed by big cuts in public spending. Departmental budgets would have to be redrawn with every item of expenditure justified anew or deleted, rather than being increased in line with inflation.

The tax and benefit changes would not stop there. Taxes on capital, including inheritance and capital gains, would be reduced to zero; there would be tax incentives for people who marry and stay together to raise children; after six months of unemployment people would be required to take jobs created by charities at rates just above the benefit level. There would be an end to "entitlement" to state benefits. "It is a privilege available on a temporary basis to those who will take steps to wean themselves off dependence," the document says.

Mr Major is advised that police should be taken off the motorways and concentrate all their resources on dealing with burglary, rape and muggings. Speeding should be controlled by automatic cameras and drink-drivers deterred by advertising campaigns; there should be no more radar speed guns and breathalysers.

The document urges the the introduction of a law that would allow the seizure and sale of all the assets of convicted burglars, with cash going to a national fund to compensate victims. The age limit on crime should be removed because "a 12-year-old driving a stolen car is a car thief, not a minor".

It proposes a "core curriculum" for the health service, setting out what the NHS will do with the funds allocated to it. People who want more should be helped to obtain it outside the NHS or pay extra within it.

The education system should be reformed with all state schools self-managed and funded according to numbers enrolled; this would be combined with a campaign to raise the status of teachers in society. The document suggests that the teaching in schools of British culture, including the history and traditions of the British people, should be made mandatory with an avowed aim to "Britticize" immigrant communities.

Other proposals include nursery education vouchers for all four-year-olds and tax help to promote childcare and flexible hours for working parents. But the radicalism shines through with the suggested replacement of television licences with a private fee-charging BBC service. Mr Major will not be short of subjects to raise as he embarks on his nationwide trawl for the next Conservative programme.

Hunt praises US-style contract

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Tories should consider offering voters a "Contract with Britain" at the next general election, David Hunt, the Cabinet minister responsible for government presentation, said during a visit to Washington yesterday.

Abandoning the traditionally vague policy statements of past election manifestos in favour of explicit contract-style promises was "something we should explore", Mr Hunt said after discussions with Republican congressmen.

The "Contract with America", signed by more than 300 Republican candidates before last November's congressional elections, promised votes within 100 days in the House of Representatives on 10 specific Bills, ranging from tax reform to measures to balance the budget. It helped the Republicans to seize Congress for the first time in 40 years.

Mr Hunt said the Nolan report had underscored how low British politicians had fallen in public esteem. "When you have a concept that has been as successful in restoring public confidence in the system then it has to be a dimension you consider. It's an intriguing concept."



CHRIS HARRIS

Jeremy Hanley, right, on his round of broadcast interviews yesterday in which he accused Labour of hypocrisy

Funding row compromise sought

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Tories suggested a compromise yesterday in the dispute over whether the Nolan committee should investigate the funding of political parties.

Members of the committee will call today for their chairman to challenge John Major's refusal to allow such an investigation. The Prime Minister has the support of Cabinet ministers, who fear that an inquiry into party donations could be explosive in the run-up to a general election.

But Lord Parkinson, a former Tory party chairman, suggested that the issue could be explored after a general election. "It is an area that should be looked at — can be looked at. But I do think it is dangerous to set out on this course in the run-up to an election. You could actually be accused of affecting the result of the election and interfering in politics."

Jeremy Hanley, the Tory party chairman, accused Labour of "hypocrisy" over the issue. He focused attention on the Industrial Research Trust, formed two years ago to channel donations to support the Labour leader's office, and Common Campaign Ltd, a public company established to raise money and encourage endorsements for Labour at the next election.

Mr Hanley told BBC Radio 4's *World at One*: "In effect all it shows is the hypocrisy of the party political nature of the battle that Jack Straw [Shadow Home Secretary] particularly is trying to wage. The Labour Party have 70 per cent of their votes bought by unions giving money."

Mr Straw defended the organisations, saying Labour would welcome "the fullest possible inquiry" into all sources of its funding.

Although most European political parties get state funding, in Britain they have to rely on trade unions, private donations and subscriptions.

The parties are each given minimal aid. Candidates get free meeting rooms at election time and have campaign leaflets delivered free. MPs receive travel expenses and a staff allowance. Television and radio stations are also required to carry party political broadcasts.

The Tories are the most secretive about their sources. They rely heavily on company gifts and private donors, whom they refuse to name. But more than 100 corporate supporters have stopped donating and others have scaled down their support.

Labour remains heavily dependent on the trade unions for funding but the amounts involved are published in full. They reached £8.5 million in 1993 out of a total income of £16.6 million. Individual membership has risen by 15 per cent in the past year and non-union sources now provide 60 per cent of the revenue.

The Liberal Democrats are the worst off, receiving about £1.7 million in a non-election year. About 59 per cent comes from subscriptions, 31 per cent from donations and 4 per cent from conference services.

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Public pay for French politics

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

MOST political parties across the world receive some form of state funding, either in regular financial grants or specific support during election campaigns.

According to a report published last year by the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, the funds come in a variety of forms from direct cash grants or tax relief on donations and subscriptions to free access to state media, free postage for election leaflets and free poster sites.

French parties that put up at least 50 candidates get regular public funding in proportion to their share of the vote. They can also have a small fraction of their election expenses reimbursed, about £5,000, if they win more than 5 per cent of the vote. Parties can accept donations but, under legislation that takes effect next month, only from individuals or associations.

German parties receive regular state funding based on their electoral success, with some tax concessions for donations and some free broadcasting at elections. Corporate and private contributors to party funds have to be named in the accounts if they give more than 20,000 marks.

In the United States, there is some federal funding for primary candidates at presidential elections who have proven broad-based support. But most states provide no funding for state elections.

Spanish parties represented in the Chamber of Deputies receive subsidies based on the number of seats and votes at the last election. Parties in Norway, Portugal and Sweden receive state funding based on election results.

Parties in Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Belgium and New Zealand get no regular public funding but a little indirect aid at elections. Italian parties can receive unlimited private or corporate donations but they must be declared.

Stand by for a reshuffle of no great importance

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

A Government reshuffle will occur in a couple of months, it will fascinate Westminster, will be largely ignored by the public and will make virtually no difference to the Tories' electoral prospects. That is what usually happens. The only reshuffles which matter are those rare ones which change the direction of government policy. And John Major shows no sign of wanting to shift the balance of his Cabinet.

The annual reshuffle season has started on time, after the cricket season has begun and before the one-day internationals, or, rather, after another Tory rout in the local elections. The futures of Stephen Dorrell and Virginia Bottomley are being debated in the same way as the merits of Mark Ramprakash and John Crawley in the England middle order. It is great fun to us observers, though infuriating to those involved, who are left twisting in the wind. Mr Major, like Ray Illingworth, does not like to be rushed in picking his team. So speculation will continue intermittently until the Third Test in July. The reshuffle will be forgotten by the time the Test series is over in late August.

Hands up who remembers the names of the Tory chairman and Health Secretary in May 1985? Step forward John Gummer, then a Minister of State, and Sir Norman Fowler, who combined health and social security as Social Services Secretary.

With rare exceptions, it does not matter who fills most posts. Reshuffles are necessary to remove those who are not performing and to satisfy the ambitious. But they are usually an attempt to reduce a minus rather than to create a plus. Mrs Bottomley may have turned into a liability for the Tories at Health because she sounds dogmatic and inflexible, but there is no one available who can turn health into a vote winner. Similarly, while Jeremy Hanley has floundered as party chairman, and most likely successors may be more respected by Tory MPs and the press, he or she faces an uphill struggle.

Personnel management is obviously important, but it is marginal compared with the direction of the Government. Ever since he became Prime Minister, and particularly since the upheavals of autumn 1992, Mr Major has been undertaking a balancing act between the pro-Europeans and the sceptics, between Left and Right. That has dissatisfied the backbench Right in the 92 Group who feel that their views, and allies, are underrepresented in what is still a largely centre-Left Cabinet. But the influence of the Right has been increasing, in numbers and prominence, even though key posts such as the Treasury and the Foreign Office remain in the hands of centre-Left heavyweights.

The Thatcherite Right are focusing their attacks on Douglas Hurd and Kenneth Clarke, who are seen as the main obstacle to a shift to the Right on public spending and Europe. The appointment of Michael Portillo, John Redwood or Peter Lilley to either of their posts would change both the face and the strategy of the Government. The Right has offered Mr Major its loyalty if he is willing to make such changes. But he knows this is a poisoned offer. He will not want to risk destabilising the whole Government.

More likely is that Mr Clarke and Mr Hurd will stay where they are — and the Foreign Secretary can in practice remain for as long as he wants. The party chairman will probably be a tough Major loyalist such as Brian Mawhinney, while right-wing ministers will be promoted to economic posts where their free-market energies can be given full scope. The real battle will come later, either following an autumn leadership challenge, or, more likely, after the next election. Mr Major will use the summer reshuffle to protect himself, not to open the way for a takeover by the Tory Right.

PETER RIDDELL

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to national heritage ministers, the church commissioners and the Lord Chancellor's Department were followed by a debate on the Gas Bill, report stage. In the Lords: debate on Jobseekers Bill, report stage.

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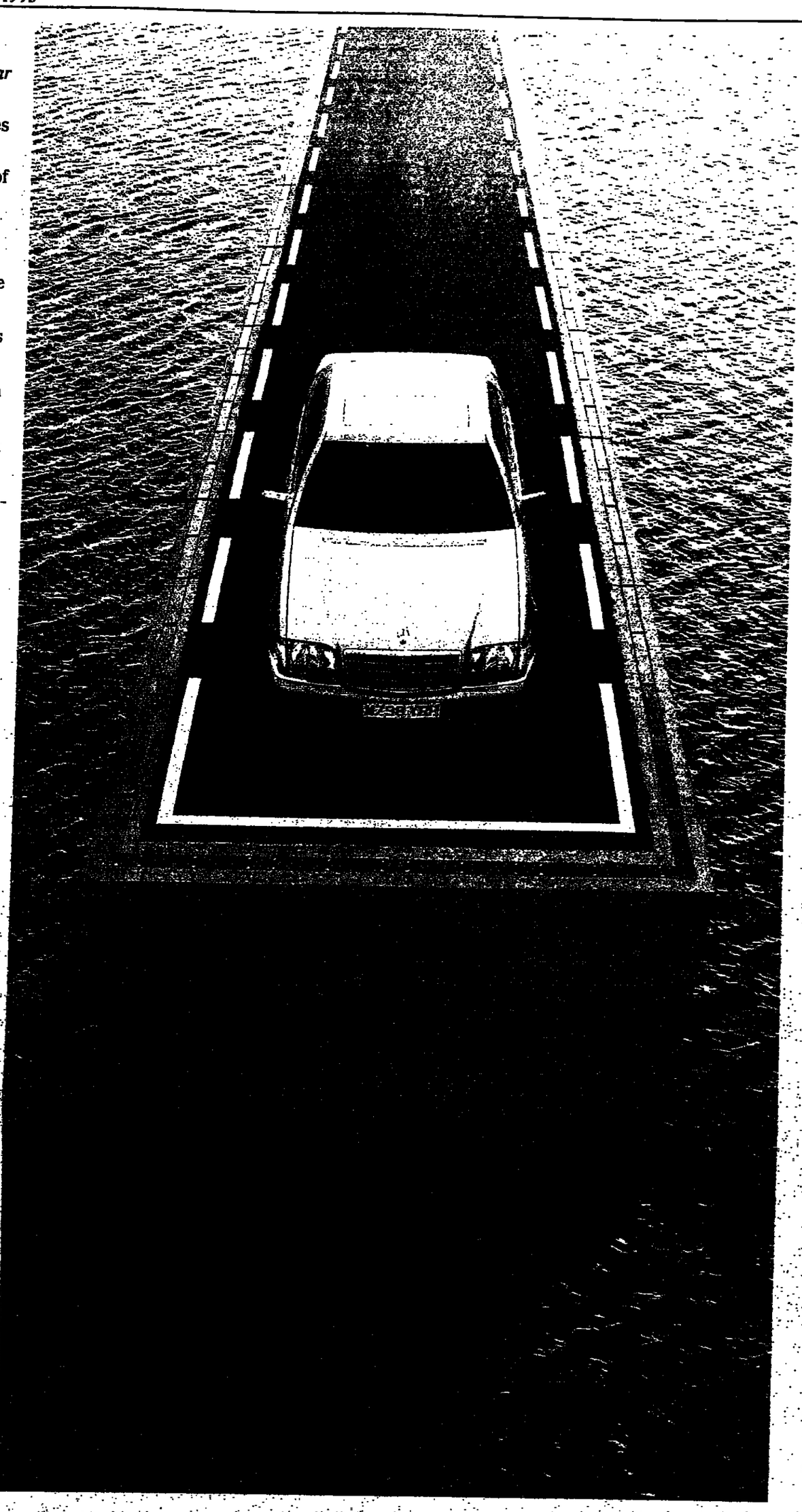
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Clinton bans visit by Taiwan leader to placate China

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON, who did not hesitate to offend Britain by admitting Gerry Adams to America last year, has provoked another controversy by refusing to allow the President of Taiwan to make a private visit to the United States for fear of upsetting communist China.

President Lee Teng-hui had been invited to speak at and attend a reunion next month at Cornell University, where he earned a doctorate in 1968, but the White House has refused to grant him an entry visa because, as one official in the State Department put it, his visit "could cause a very large problem in Sino-American relations".

In 1979 America withdrew diplomatic recognition from Taiwan in deference to Peking, which considers the island of 21 million people an illegitimate, breakway republic. Peking has emphasised that it would regard a visit by Mr Lee as a serious breach of its "one China" policy. Mr Clinton has capitulated to China's pressure, not least because he needs the Peking Government's co-operation in curbing North Korea's nuclear weapons programme.

Taiwan is America's fifth biggest trading partner, the world's second biggest holder of dollar reserves after Japan, and one of Asia's most vibrant economies. It has also turned from authoritarianism to democracy, and Congress has emphatically repudiated Mr Clinton's decision.



Lee: wanted to attend a college reunion

The Senate approved by 97 votes to one last week a non-binding resolution demanding that he reconsider his decision. The week before, the House of Representatives approved an almost identical resolution by 360 votes to nil.

"We will never give up our support for one of our greatest allies and the oldest democracy in Asia," Jesse Helms, the Senate foreign relations committee chairman, said. "Getting [Peking's] gangsters mad at you is not something we should worry about," Dana Rohrabacher, a Republican congressman, said. "If we show a fist instead of a limp wrist, they may be more responsible."

Menem vows to press on with reforms

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN BUENOS AIRES



President Menem, who has just been re-elected, answers questions at a conference in Buenos Aires yesterday

ARGENTINIANS supported the continuation of economic reforms that have begun to stabilise their country when they re-elected President Menem for another four years on Sunday.

"My victory is a [sign of] the transformation of our country from an economic basket case [into one] that is taking huge steps forward," Señor Menem said in a speech to a huge crowd gathered outside the Casa Rosada government house. The President is credited with returning economic stability to Argentina since he first took office in 1989.

Official results released yesterday show that he won 50 per cent of the vote nationwide: his closest rival, José Octavio Bordón, the candidate for a new Centre Left alliance, gained 30 per cent.

Señor Menem's Justice Party, formerly known as the Peronist Party, also won 135 seats in the 257-seat Congress and retained control of 12 of the 23 provincial governments. Businessmen and investors were assured that Domingo Cavallo, Señor Menem's Finance Minister, who masterminded the Government's anti-inflationary and privatisation policies, would retain his job. Señor Cavallo said free-market reforms and the harsh austerity measures would continue.

The new Menem Government will try to capitalise on the Mercosur regional trade pact between Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina that came into being at the start of the year to increase the country's lagging exports. Señor Menem also promised much needed investment for the public health and education system. Economists predict that the 33 million Argentinians still face a long period of austerity.

In his victory speech, Señor Menem repeated Argentina's demand for sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, but said his country would "never again" resort to military intervention to achieve that aim.

In London, the Foreign Office welcomed Señor Menem's re-election, but said there could be no question of any new negotiations on the sovereignty of the Falklands. "The islanders have the right to self-determination," a spokesman said. "They have made it clear many times that they wish to remain British."

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Men fight for end to first cut of manhood

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE male rage sweeping America is not directed solely against the federal Government. A small but dedicated band of malcontents has taken aim at a target much closer to home: male circumcision.

These so-called "foreskin fundamentalists" are outraged about the almost routine practice of circumcision in America, the only developed country apart from Israel that still performs the procedure on a majority of male babies.

Putting their case with demonstrations and protest letters, anti-circumcision activists are demanding that American doctors stop what they regard as the unjustified mutilation of males, just as the National Health Service did in Britain in the 1950s.

The campaign has grown out of the "men's movement" and has spawned a number of groups across the country with such names as the National Organisation of Restoring Men (Norm), and Brothers United for Future Foreskins (Buff).

Circumcision became a popular practice in America at the beginning of the century for health reasons, and reached its peak at around 90 per cent in the 1950s and 1960s. Some 60 per cent of male babies still have their foreskins removed.

Singled out for criticism is the American Academy of Paediatricians, which issued an opinion statement in 1989 that uncircumcised men have a higher risk of penile cancer and urinary infections.

Among activists' favourite slogans are "Boys deserve to have it all" and "Are ears next?" Men involved in the movement cite many reasons for their unhappiness with circumcision — from scarring and a loss of sensitivity to aesthetics and outrage.

Members of Norm, which used to be called Recap (Re-Covering a Penis), are pioneering non-surgical approaches to restoring their lost foreskins.

Working with ball-bearings and sticky tape, group members are applying techniques learned from skin grafting to stretch skin over their whole penis. Custom-made devices are now available, the most popular of which is the aptly named Tugger at just $115 (£73) plus shipping and handling.

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Reno tells of regrets over Waco

Washington: Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, has admitted that she is haunted by the orders she gave for the FBI raid on the Branch Davidian cult in Waco, Texas, two years ago (Ian Brodie writes).

Her acknowledgement about events at the cult's compound, where 80 people died, comes as some Republicans are urging a new Waco investigation as part of an inquiry into terrorism and national security after last month's Oklahoma bombing.

The bomb, which killed 168, occurred on the second anniversary of the Waco fire and was allegedly an act of revenge by paramilitary extremists convinced that the FBI had taken the law into their own hands. Ms Reno said: "Knowing what happened, I would not do it again."

Cosmonauts to join US shuttle

Cape Canaveral: Four Russian cosmonauts were on their way here last night to prepare for a joint mission with America intended to help to establish a permanent human presence in space. Anatoli Solovyov and Nikolai Budarin are due to be on board the Atlantis US shuttle with five American astronauts on June 24 when it blasts off from Cape Canaveral for the Mir orbiting Russian space station.

The Mir station is being used for a series of experiments — part of a project to build an international space station, known as Alpha, by early next century. The shuttle will remain docked with Mir for five days. *(Reuter)*

Father kills boy after name row

Easton: A Pennsylvania father who lost a court battle to give his illegitimate son his surname shot dead the three-year-old boy and killed himself.

The bodies of Alan Gubernat and Scott were found in Mr Gubernat's home in Williamstown three days after a court ruled that the boy should keep the surname of his mother, Karen Deremer. The ruling by the Supreme Court in New Jersey, where Scott lived with his mother, overturned a decision made last September. *(AP)*

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Neighbours condemn Chinese nuclear test

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ Tokyo has told Peking that its latest nuclear test, carried out within three days of the decision to extend indefinitely the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, could jeopardise a substantial Japanese loan

JAAN and Australia protested to Cha yesterday after Peking annced that it had set off its 42nd nuear explosion, within three days of 8 nations agreeing in New York to xtend indefinitely the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Tkyo said that bilateral ties, incding billions of dollars worth of ecomic assistance, could be haed by the explosion.

Ausual, China merely announced the last, but not its date, place or strength. It was monitored by the Australian Seismological Centre, whh reported that it had taken plat at the testing site at Lop Nor in the r western Xinjiang autonomous regn. The centre said the explosion had been equivalent to 40,000 tonnes to 150,000 tonnes of TNT, which is the usual strength of Chinese tests.

Kunihiko Saito, Japan's Deputy Foreign Minister, told a news conference: "I am concerned about the possible effect on Sino-Japanese ties . . . We will of course include economic matters in our review of Sino-Japanese ties, although I cannot immediately say where our study will take us."

The Foreign Ministry called in Wu Dawei, China's acting Ambassador to Tokyo, to hear the protest. Japan, the only country hit by atomic bombs, has protested to China each time it has conducted nuclear tests. The most recent were in June and October last year.

Foreign Ministry officials were particularly angry because the test was carried out only days after Tomiichi Murayama, the Prime Minister, visited China and urged Li Peng, his counterpart, to halt all nuclear tests.

Japan and China agreed last December on new Japanese loans totalling 580 billion yen (£4.1 billion) over the next three years. Tokyo has a guideline for extending official development assistance that says a recipient country's disarmament efforts must be taken into account.

Gareth Evans, the Australian Foreign Minister, said: "Australia is deeply disappointed that China has shown disregard for international opposition to nuclear testing, the more so in the positive aftermath of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty review conference."

The 178 signatories agreed last week to an indefinite extension to the treaty. A separate, comprehensive test ban treaty could be finalised this year and may be ready for signing next year, Mr Evans said.

"Australia looks to the nuclear weapons states to desist from nuclear testing as negotiations enter this critical stage," he said. "China's continuing testing is out of step with the positive attitude of the negotiations as well as China's own support for nuclear disarmament and its stated commitment to a comprehensive test ban treaty." Officials at the Australian Embassy in Peking had been told to pass on the country's concerns to the Chinese Government, Mr Evans said.

Kazakhstan, the country closest to China's nuclear test site, also urged Peking to halt its tests. "We urge the Government of China to stop any kind of nuclear tests and to join the embargo that was announced by all the nuclear powers except China," Vyacheslav Gizzatov, the Deputy Foreign Minister, said.

South Korea, in a Foreign Ministry statement, said it was "very regrettable" that China conducted the test "when other nuclear powers are restraining their testing and after the indefinite extension of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty".

Police ready to hold cult leader for gas killings

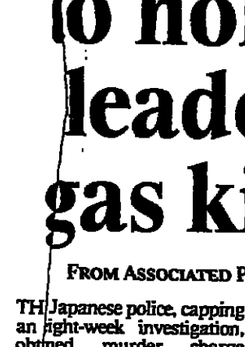
FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN KAMIKUISHIKI

TH Japanese police, capping an ight-week investigation, obtned murder charge arrt warrants yesterday for theeader and 20 members of theult that is suspected of the nere gas attack on the Tokyo suway, reports said.

ours earlier, the police als arrested a top sect official supected of supervising the ga attack, which killed 12 pple and injured 5,500.

n the meantime, one perso was taken to hospital and te had coughing fits after inaling fumes at a subway stion in Yokohama, just sth of Tokyo, firefighters sd. It was the latest in a sies of such cases, mostly bieved to be copycat crimes, inthe wake of the nerve gas atck on March 20.

hoko Asahara, the leader oAum Shinrikyo, and about 2group members would be clrged with the manufacture ar release of the nerve gas sain in the subway attack, the pice said yesterday. The Jaanese media reported later



Asahara: said to be iding in compound

tha the warrants had been issd last night, with the pole expected to make the arrts early today.

Te police tightened securi because of fears that sect mebers would retaliate after thei leader's arrest. "We are wored about what is going to hapen next," said an officer patlling the Ginza subway statn in Tokyo.

Alough more than 200 cult members have been arrsed in the investigation, Japa's largest, none has been direly charged in connection withhe gas attack.

Jaanese television networ ran special programmes yesterday in expectation of Mr Asahara's arre and more than 100 repoers and photographers werwaiting in heavy rain in fron of his home at the grou's Mount Fuji commune in Kmikuishiki.

Th police also tightened their already strict security measres around the compoun. Mr Asahara disappeard after the subway attack, but is widely believed to be staying in a hidden area of the compound buildings. Several hundred of his disciples are also thought to be still living at the commune.

The police said that Yoshihiro Inoue, the head of the cult's "ministry of intelligence", and three other sect members were caught at a roadblock on the outskirts of Tokyo just before dawn yesterday.

Mr Inoue resisted arrest and was taken into custody for alleged obstruction of justice. He was refusing to answer questions, but was identified by his fingerprints, a Tokyo police official said. Mr Inoue was responsible for recruiting 1,000 of the cult's 10,000 members in Japan, the *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper said.

Several arrested cult members have told the police that Mr Inoue personally supervised the gas attack, heading a group of from five to ten people who left sarin gas in plastic bags on the subway, according to Japanese news reports.

At least one member of the group has also admitted to the police that he placed a bag on a subway train, the *Yomiuri* newspaper said.

The police have also confiscated tons of chemicals that could be used to make nerve gas at the Mount Fuji commune, but the cult repeatedly has denied involvement.

Jun Toyota, a leading member of the sub-group within the cult that carried out extensive experiments with chemicals, was arrested with Mr Inoue yesterday. Officers said they seized many documents, a personal computer and hundreds of other items from the cult members' car.

Mr Asahara preaches a mixture of Buddhist and Hindu doctrines and has predicted that a third world war will begin in 1997. He claims to be a messiah and says that those who follow him will survive that conflict.

In the weeks after the gas attack, the Japanese have become accustomed to what was previously almost undreamt of in their country: thousands of police in protective uniforms searching cult facilities, patrolling stations and manning roadblocks. Waste bins have been removed from subway stations as a precaution and conductors repeatedly warn passengers to watch out for suspicious packages.

Ten days after the gas attack, Japan's top police officer nearly died in an assassination attempt. Mysterious noxious gases have been released several times in stations and other public places, injuring hundreds. No suspects have been arrested.



Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, talks to children injured in the Rwandan violence last year

Rwanda archbishop is expected to quit over links with genocide

BY ANJANA AHUJA

THE fate of the Anglican Archbishop of Rwanda, who is accused of being involved in genocide in the country's civil war, will be decided next month, it was revealed yesterday. According to church sources, Archbishop Augustine Nshamigo, who fled the country at the height of the mass killings a year ago, will be asked to resign.

Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said at Lambeth Palace yesterday after visiting Rwanda that Archbishop Nshamigo had been accused of having "too close a liaison" with the former Government. "Whether it is direct or indirect involvement, I don't know," he said. Dr Carey said that, during his five-day tour of Rwanda, protesters waved placards bearing the names of bishops allegedly involved in the genocide. "I would like to see these claims investigated, whether they involve Christian leaders or not," he said.

Churchmen, especially of the dominant Roman Catholic community, have long been accused of involvement in the massacres because many were carried out in churches. Several of the eight Anglican bishops, along with Archbishop Nshamigo, fled to Nairobi at the peak of the killings, fuelling speculation about their role.

One, Bishop Jonathan Ruhumulisa of Kigali, has been attacked for refusing to condemn the atrocities and sharing a platform in Nairobi with Archbishop Nshamigo. However, he returned to Rwanda late last year, while three other bishops remain in exile. Dr Carey said that a meeting of the Rwandan synod was being called next month "to discuss the structures of leadership".

"Can you imagine if I was out of England for a year? . . . and how can you lead a ministry when you have only five out of 11 or 12 bishops?" Dr Carey asked.

Church sources insisted that the meeting would result in the departure of Archbishop Nshamigo. One said: "An archbishop cannot leave his people leaderless. Bishops are held in extremely high regard and their absence is a disaster for their people." Dr Carey was the first Archbishop of Canterbury to visit Rwanda, which he called "a country of widows and orphans". There are up to a million Anglicans. During his visit, Dr Carey had acknowledged that the Church had "failed" the Rwandan people.

"Churches are places of security," he said. "People were herded into places of security so they could be massacred." Dr Carey also visited a hospital in Butare where, he said, "doctor was killing doctor, and nurse was killing nurse." He appealed for the international community to step in and bring the perpetrators to justice. "I have complained on a number of occasions that systems of justice have not been set up. It is quite appalling," Dr Carey added.

☐ Harare: The editor, deputy editor and publisher of the *Financial Gazette*, Zimbabwe's leading independent newspaper, have appeared in court over articles about the secretive marital status of President Mugabe.

The three men had been held by police for 48 hours and then accused of defaming a judge and Cabinet minister by saying that they had attended a wedding at Mr Mugabe's home after a denial by the two. Human rights groups said that the moves were attempts to intimidate the small independent press.

Health teams tackle Ebola fears

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN KINSHASA

AS THE first two suspected cases of Ebola disease were reported in Kinshasa, the Zairean capital yesterday, officials in Kikwit, plagued by the virus, were telling people how to avoid catching it.

Three new confirmed cases were reported on Sunday in Kikwit, 370 miles east of Kinshasa, said Richard Leclair, of the World Health Organisation (WHO). Seventy-nine people are known to have contracted the disease, of whom 60 have died. Kikwit is under quarantine. Thomson Prentice, of the WHO, said that any Kinshasa cases would not represent an acceleration of the epidemic. "It would not be a great surprise if at least one case occurred in Kinshasa," he said before news of the Kinshasa cases emerged. "It doesn't follow that more people will get infected because transmission is quite difficult."

Mr Prentice said that hospitals in the capital had had time to prepare, and health organisations had stepped up control measures. "The WHO is trying to track down all the individuals who have been in contact with the virus and to find out where they are and how they are," he said.

So far, cases have been confirmed in the villages of Musango, Vanga, Yassa Bonga and Kenge, according to an international committee monitoring the outbreak.

Medical experts have been converging on Kikwit to study Ebola.

"I knew it would happen again, and I've been waiting 20 years for it," Bob Swanepoel, a South African virologist, said on Sunday before leaving for the city.

Manila widens poll fraud inquiry

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN MANILA

ELECTION commissioners in the Philippines have widened the scope of their investigation of what one official referred to as the most blatant electoral fraud he had ever encountered. At issue is the alleged inflation of the number of votes cast in last week's polls for Senate candidates who support President Ramos.

Elsewhere, a defiant Imelda Marcos, the widow of Ferdinand Marcos, the country's dictator who was deposed in 1986, declared herself to be a member of Congress for Leyte island. In doing so she defied the Election Commission, which has ruled that she failed to meet residence qualifications in the constituency. She took her oath as a member of the House of Representatives on Sunday at Tacloban, 350 miles southeast of Manila, the capital, after election officials acknowledged that she won 70,471 votes. Her nearest rival received 36,833.

Mrs Marcos declared her victory showed that the "people power" uprising which removed her husband from office nine years ago was a fraud. "It is clear I am the people's choice," she said. Earlier, at a "victory rally", she told her supporters: "There are those who will stop at nothing to keep the people from electing the Marcoses."

Discussing the alleged inflation of results, the election commission said at the weekend that up to 30,000 votes were apparently added to totals for Franklin Drilon, the former Justice Secretary, Ramon Mitra, the former House Speaker, and Juan Ponce Enrile from Marcos strongholds in Ilocos Norte province. Provincial officials were summoned to Manila to explain the discrepancies.

"I believe [the fraud] was intentional," said Regalado Maambong, an election commissioner. "You can't make such a mistake involving such a big number of votes as 30,000 and several candidates. This was the worst case I have seen since I joined the commission five years ago."



Marcos: defied officials to claim election victory

Swedish minister goes home after PLO row

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

MONA SAHLIN, Sweden's Deputy Prime Minister, cut short a visit to Jerusalem and flew home yesterday after Israel objected to her plans to meet leading members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in annexed east Jerusalem.

Israel attempted to play down reports of a diplomatic incident, but was unable to provide a date when Mrs Sahlin would return to finish her programme. In an attempt to ease nearly 50 years of strained relations with Sweden, Israel earlier issued an official public apology for the murder in September, 1948, of Count Folke Bernadotte, a United Nations mediator, who was assassinated in Jerusalem by Jewish terrorists from the Stern Gang.

Yehoshua Zetler, one of the men involved in the killing, said, however, that he was unrepentant. "We executed Folke Bernadotte. Whoever lived in those days in Jerusalem is able to understand the background to it." Mr Zetler told Israel Television. "I would not apologise. It was necessary to kill him." Bernadotte was assassinated because the Stern Gang opposed his policies, including the internationalisation of Jerusalem.

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Mitterrand's old allies convicted of sleaze charges

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

TWO days before the departure of President Mitterrand, courts passed guilty verdicts for corruption yesterday against two top figures in his former administration. Bernard Tapie, the tycoon football boss, and Henri Emmanuelli, the Socialist Party leader.

In what amounted to a day of judgment on the sleaze that stained the late Mitterrand years, Tapie was given a one-year prison sentence for buying a victory for Marseilles, the team he owned, and Emmanuelli received a one-year suspended sentence for his part in the illicit financing of the Socialist Party.

Both men served as ministers under M Mitterrand. While Emmanuelli's conviction stemmed from the murky methods that parties used to finance themselves, the sentencing of Tapie, 52, seals the downfall of an anti-establishment folk hero who was, until recently, deemed a presidential contender. The swaggering, self-made businessman was hoisted to government rank when M Mitterrand favoured him in the late 1980s. He was declared bankrupt and banished from electoral office last December. True to his portrayal of himself as a martyr, he railed against the courts yesterday, saying the establishment was out to crucify him. He is expected to appeal.

The darker legacy of the Mitterrand years was further aired yesterday with the release from prison of Dr Michel Garetta, the leading figure in the HIV blood scandal that helped to bring down the last Socialist Government. After serving a two-year term on a minor charge, he faces trial on the more serious charge of poisoning.

While the courts were settling their business with the Left in verdicts delayed by the presidential election, there was no gloating from the incoming administration of Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist President-elect. Investigating judges are busy with cases involving a string of conservative politicians, some of whom are close to M Chirac.

In the first big Gaullist case, a court in Lyons yesterday began the trial of Alain Carignon, a minister in the outgoing Government of Edouard Balladur. M Carignon, 46, faces a possible ten-year prison term if convicted of taking bribes for water contracts in his capacity as Mayor of Grenoble.

M Chirac will be watched by judges, the opposition and the media for the first sign that his Justice Ministry has succumbed to the old habit of stifling inquiries into politically embarrassing cases. The new Justice Minister is expected to be Jacques Toubon, the present Culture Minister and a Chirac ally.



Bernard Tapie, the businessman, leaves court in Valenciennes yesterday after his conviction for bribing footballers to let his Marseilles team win a match in 1993

UN commander orders passive line in Bosnia

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE French officer commanding United Nations peacekeeping troops in Sarajevo has ordered them to be more passive in the face of belligerence. The move appears to represent an important victory for the Serbs.

Major-General Hervé Gobilliard's order also suggests that the UN mission will soon begin drawing back from operations such as that which brought what is now a fading peace to the Bosnian capital. In the past month in Sarajevo, two French peacekeepers have been shot dead by snipers and another is expected to die soon of a gunshot wound to the head that he received while he was searching for Serb snipers last Thursday.

"I do not want to accept any more casualties," General Gobilliard told senior officers at a weekend briefing. "Under no circumstances will we engage either warring party, which might put the life of one of our soldiers in jeopardy," he reportedly said.

UN officials say that he is under direct pressure from Paris to make the latest French casualty the last. So far, ten French soldiers have been killed by the clashing armies since the UN was deployed in April 1992.

The timing of General Gobilliard's remarks, which were not intended for publication, sheds some light on continuing discussions within the UN about the future of the embattled mission. In Paris on Friday, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, had talks with the top military and political officers from the UN mission. He also met international mediators. Reports suggest that what emerged from the talks was a unanimous recommendation for a change of course in the operation, taking the emphasis away from peacekeeping and towards monitoring.

This would mean that the aggressive peacekeeping techniques of Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the British former UN commander, are likely to be abandoned. Dr Boutros Ghali is now preparing a report on the matter and the Security Council is expected to meet in about two weeks to discuss it.

Leading peacekeepers and Western diplomats believe that the three-year war in Bosnia is defeating UN attempts to dampen fighting and violence by deploying only lightly armed peacekeepers operating under a vague mandate. UN officials believe that there is now little Western will to stand up to the Serbs.

In Paris yesterday, Britain and France agreed to push on with diplomacy as the only option for bringing peace to the former Yugoslavia but ruled out any imminent withdrawal of their peacekeeping contingents.

After a meeting with Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, Alain Juppé, his French counterpart and likely new Prime Minister, said there was "a little glimmer of hope" that the five-nation Cotact Group could win agreement for mutual recognition among the warring parties. The two men agreed that there was a risk that the diplomatic drive would be overtaken by large-scale fighting.

Gibraltar faces new Spanish blockade

BY EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID AND MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

QUESTIONS are to be asked in the Commons about renewed delays on the border between Spain and Gibraltar after Madrid's imposition of new controls on the pretext of reinforcing the Schengen agreement with increased vigilance at external European Union frontiers.

Andrew MacKinlay, the Labour MP for Thurrock, is due to ask the Foreign Office tomorrow what the Government will do in response to new Spanish controls that have led to delays of up to 45 minutes for pedestrians and two hours for cars.

The Foreign Affairs Committee is to question David Davis, a junior Foreign Office Minister, after reports that Spain is threatening to introduce sanctions against Gibraltar for refusing to crack down against the Rock's multi-million-pound tobacco and drug smuggling industry.

The move, expected to be announced next month, comes after the failure of tripartite talks between Gibraltar, Spain and Britain, established to stop what Madrid calls "illicit practices" on the Rock.

Javier Solana, the Spanish Foreign Minister, mindful of forthcoming regional elections, has also promised to make Britain "pay the bill" for supporting Canada during the recent North Atlantic fishing dispute.

Threats of increased restrictions at the troubled frontier between Gibraltar and La Linea will cause alarm on the Rock, where the economy depends largely on day trippers to compensate for the income lost since the withdrawal of the British garrison.

Details of the threatened sanctions have not been revealed, but those that have been mooted by the Spanish Foreign Ministry include a partial naval blockade of the Rock, virtual paralysis of the land frontier, and fiscal penalties for the many Gibraltarians who commute to Spain.

Police in Germany 'use torture'

German police are subjecting foreigners to "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment", sometimes amounting to torture, according to Amnesty International (Eve-Ann Prentice writes).

There is "a clear pattern of police ill-treatment of foreigners and members of ethnic minorities", Amnesty says in a report likely to embarrass the German authorities, coming just a week after President Herzog spoke at VE-Day commemorations of his country's "collective shame" over Germany's Nazi past.

60 die in crash

Delhi: An Indian freight train apparently ignored a stop signal and crashed head-on into an express passenger train near Salem, in southern Tamil Nadu, killing at least 60 people and injuring 200. *(AFP)*

Rebel setback

Tehran: Afghan government troops recaptured Zaranj, a key town in southwest Afghanistan, and drove the student-led Taleban movement from its last stronghold in Nimruz province. *(AFP)*

Killer waves

Dili: Tidal waves triggered by an offshore earthquake killed one person and injured 26 in Dili, the East Timor capital. A few homes were destroyed and Dili's main port was closed because of damage. *(Reter)*

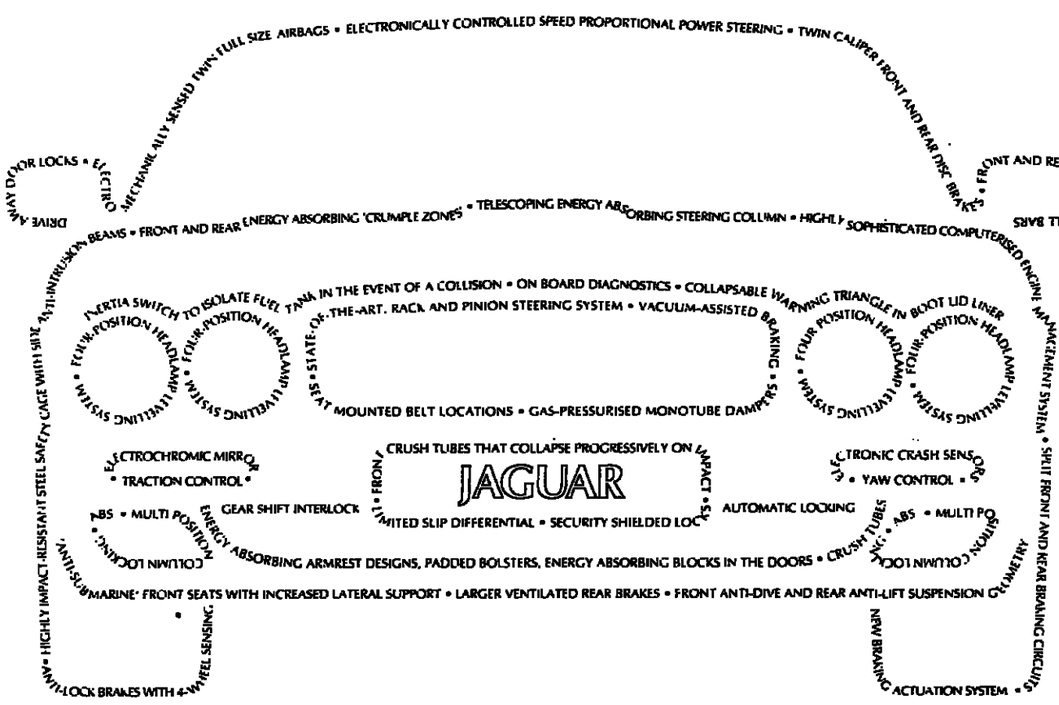
Mental block

Blantyre: A Malawi judge has dismissed a government application for Dr Hastings Banda, the former President, to have psychiatric treatment to prepare him to face a trial on murder charges. *(Reute)*

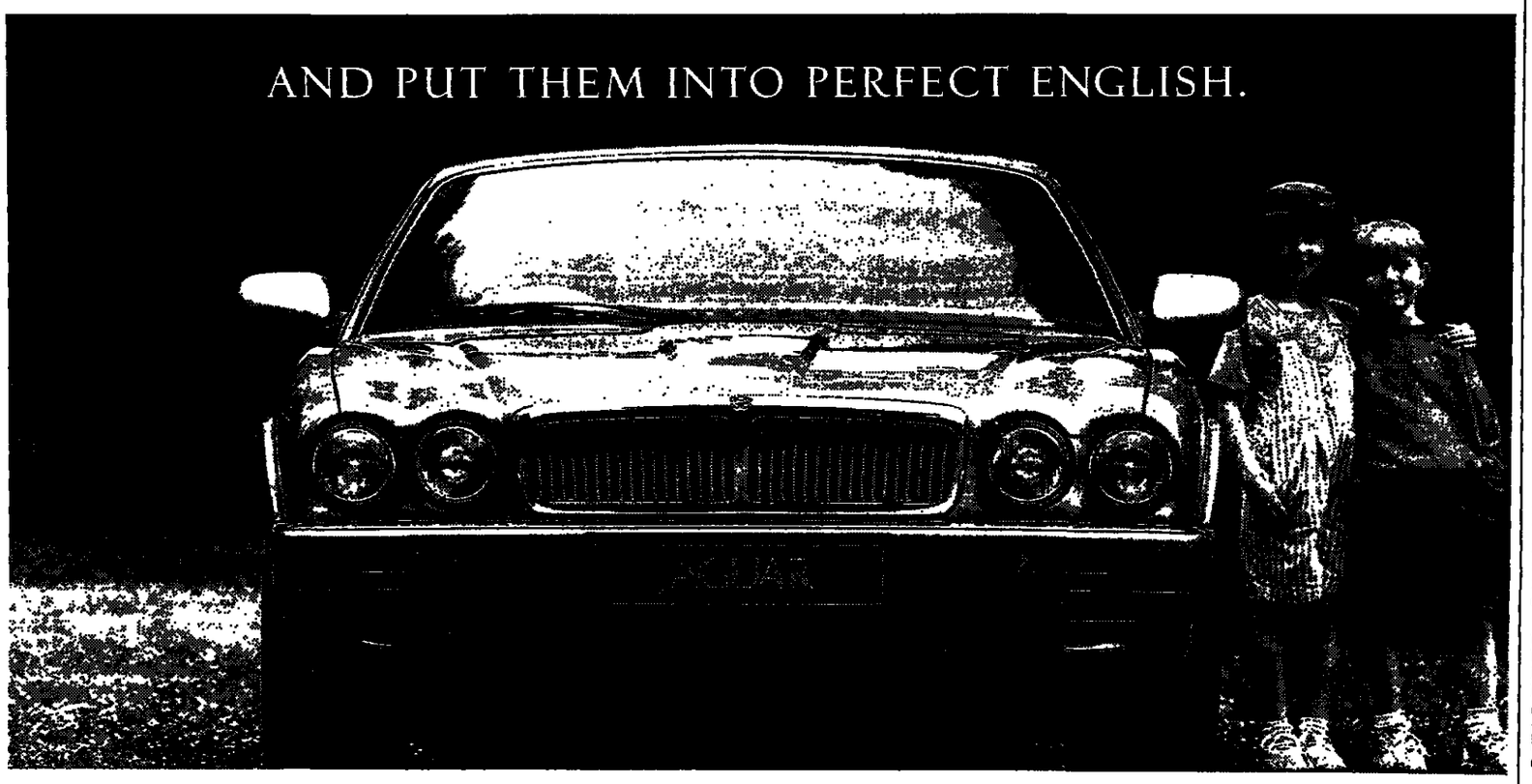
Old China

Peking: Chinese archaeologists have found the remains of a city dating back to the Yangshao culture of 4000 to 6,000 years ago, the oldest of their kind, in the central city of Zhengzhou. *(AP)*

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Euro chiefs agree defence force for Mediterranean

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A NEW European rapid reaction force was approved yesterday to provide extra security for the Mediterranean region at a time of increasing concern over the spread of extreme Islamic fundamentalism.

The new force, called Eurofor, which will consist of 10,000 to 15,000 troops from France, Italy, Spain and Portugal, was announced at a ministerial meeting of the ten-nation Western European Union, the military organisation intended to complement Nato in underwriting European security in the new post-Cold War world.

The four countries plan to contribute infantry and light artillery units to Eurofor, which will have its headquarters in Florence. They also agreed to create a joint naval force, Euromarfor, spearheaded by a French aircraft carrier.

The two forces will be at the WEU's disposal for peacekeeping and humanitarian operations but will also be available for Nato. The troops assigned to the new force will be "double-hatted", and will only be drafted in for their new duties when circumstances require an immediate military presence.

Eurofor and Euromarfor join a proliferation of multi-national units that have been formed since the end of the Cold War. Nato has split itself into a myriad of different multi-national units such as the British-commanded Rapid Reaction Corps. France and Germany also formed their own 50,000-strong Eurocorps, based in Strasbourg, which was subsequently joined by units from Belgium, Luxembourg and Spain.

The significance of yesterday's announcement at the WEU meeting of foreign and defence ministers in Lisbon was that it demonstrated a growing determination by the European members of Nato to create a security organisation that can operate without having to rely on the United States.

The WEU is to be the defence arm of the European Union as well as the European pillar of Nato. The five remaining EU states — Ireland, Austria, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden — have observer status.

The ten core WEU members — Britain, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain — yesterday agreed to boost the organisation's operational capacity.

Helmut Schäfer, the German Deputy Foreign Minister, said that the meeting had endorsed plans to co-ordinate future military operations. WEU sources said that disagreements over financing the new initiatives still remained but they were expecting a compromise soon.

Senior British defence sources did not rule out the WEU buying its own strategic transport aircraft to airlift troops for peacekeeping or emergency missions. The United States is the only Nato member that currently has a strategic airlift capacity.

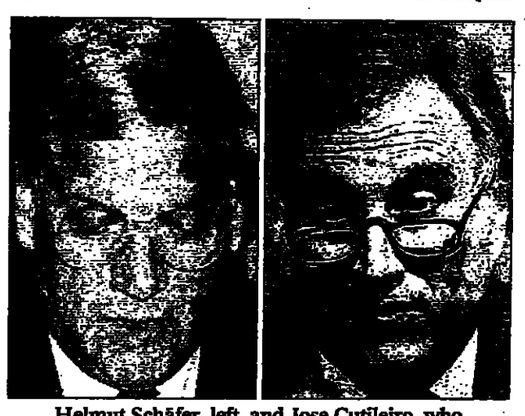
Jose Cutileiro, the WEU Secretary-General, said the organisation had to be given more assets if it were ever to have any real military role. "In the short term, what we have to do is reinforce the WEU operationally," he said.

Apart from increasing staff levels at the WEU's Brussels headquarters, it was decided to turn a European military satellite facility at Torrejón, near Madrid, into a permanent WEU facility.

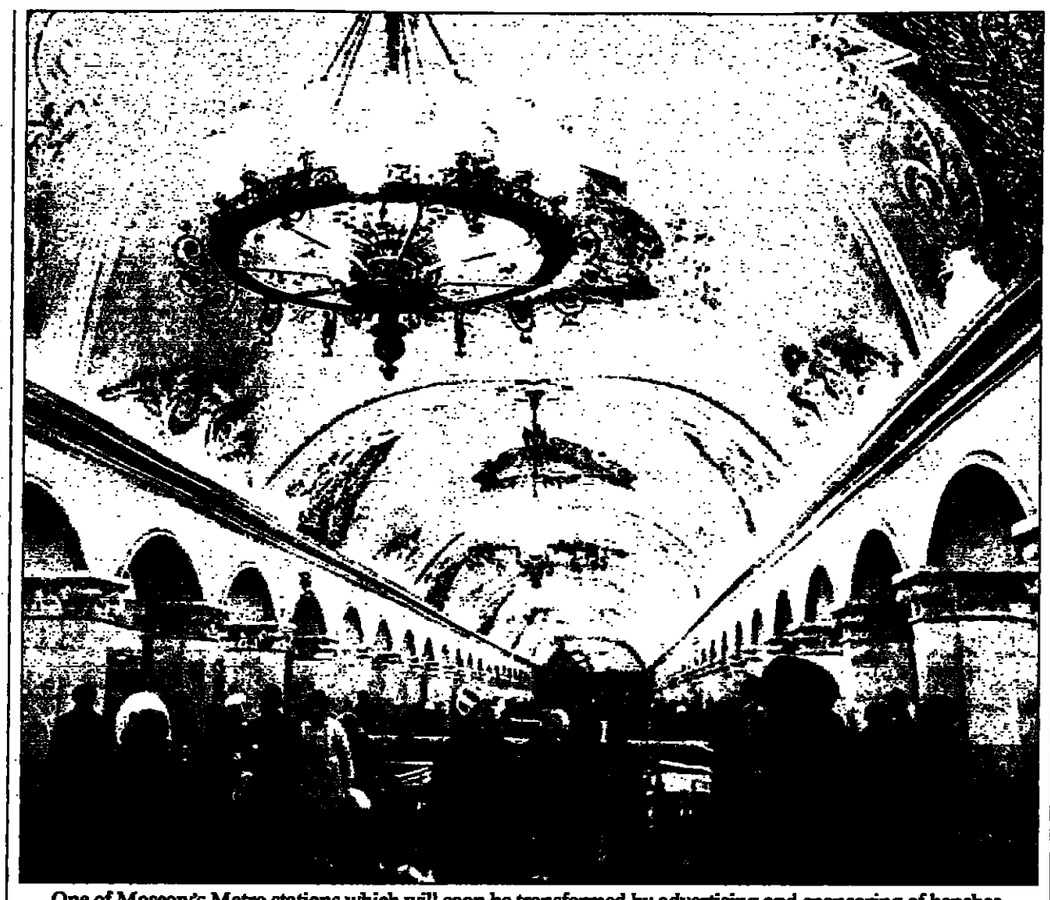
The WEU ministers also studied a special paper laying out the future security threats facing Europe.

It focused on the threats posed by international terrorism, organised crime, illegal immigration, and nuclear weapons proliferation.

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Helmut Schäfer, left, and Jose Cutileiro, who both welcomed the strengthening of the WEU



One of Moscow's Metro stations which will soon be transformed by advertising and sponsoring of benches, flower beds and telephone booths. The idea is to halt the system's decay and prevent fare rises and job losses

Capitalism rides to the rescue of Moscow's overburdened Metro

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

SIXTY years after Stalin completed one of the biggest artistic and engineering feats of the Soviet Union, Moscow's venerable Metro is finally being dragged into the post-Communist era.

The capital's underground system, famed for its marble columns, art deco chandeliers and Socialist Realist artwork, is being forced to accept commercial advertising in an effort to modernise its service and cope with spiralling costs. For the first time, advertisements for Western consumer goods will take their place beside portraits of strapping Soviet workers and the city's last remaining busts of Lenin.

Although for the equivalent of 8p a Muscovite can travel anywhere beneath the sprawling capital, the system has scarcely been modernised since Stalin took a fateful test run six decades ago and became stuck in a tunnel for half an hour.

During the Second World War, the Metro became a refuge for Muscovites seeking shelter as the Germans entered the city suburbs. During the Cold War, the Metro's reputation for fast, low-cost and crime-free mass transport was often cited by the Communist authorities as a shining example of socialism at work.

However, since the collapse of Communist rule and the rapid expansion of the city's population, the underground network has struggled to cope with its daily load of nine million passengers. Where Soviet matrons in uniform once ensured that criminals and litter stayed off their platforms, muggings have become as common as discarded banana skins.

The decay became most apparent last year when the Metro was plagued by a series of accidents, with one line suffering three minor collisions in two days. The system's director said that without further government assistance the authority would have to increase prices, close stations and lay off more than half of its 25,000 staff. Now with the promise of advertising revenues and firms sponsoring everything from benches to flower beds and telephone booths, the city is confident the Metro will regain its reputation. The problem will be how to blend tastefully the unique Soviet artwork with modern capitalist advertising billboards.

Natalia Lyupanova, the deputy director of Metros, said precautions would be taken to protect the underground's appearance, particularly in the 44 architectural landmark stations. "Everywhere we place advertising we will first refer to the city architects for approval," she said. "All we want to do is improve our city."

The move to modernise the Metro is part of a campaign by Yuri Luzkhov, the city's energetic and powerful Mayor, who is trying to turn his bustling, grimy and crime-ridden capital into a modern, efficient city.

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Belorussia votes to strengthen ties with Kremlin

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

BELORUSSIANS have voted overwhelmingly to reduce the independence of their former Soviet republic vis-à-vis Russia and to strengthen the powers of their populist President, Aleksandr Lukashenko, election officials in Minsk said yesterday.

Between 75 and 83 per cent of voters gave their approval to four questions establishing Russian as an equal official language with Belorussian, restoring the Soviet flag and symbols of Belarus, calling for economic integration with Russia and giving President Lukashenko the power to dissolve parliament. Overall, voter turnout was 64 per cent.

In the words of Mr Lukashenko, "Slav unity is the most important issue in our lives. If the people call for it, we will also have a political union that is even closer than the Soviet Union was. For the moment, I am talking about economic union."

Ruled over the years first by Poles and then by Russians, and traditionally attached to one or other of these linguistic cultures, the Belorussian people and their language have not so far got beyond the level of a regional dialect group and there was no real desire for independence in 1991.

The fact that parliamentary elections, held simultaneously with the referendum, were a fiasco will also be pleasing to the President. In many constituencies the elections were invalidated because less than half the electorate bothered to vote. In others, the multiplicity of candidates was such that nobody achieved a first-round majority. In all, only 17 of 260 seats have been filled so far and several more rounds of voting will be necessary.

President Lukashenko treated the parliamentary elections with open contempt and, in what may be the first such statement by any head of state, signalled in advance his intention not to vote.

On Sunday, he crossed out all the names of candidates in his electoral district, saying that none of them was worth voting for.

Delay may thwart Major veto

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

JOHN MAJOR may lose the chance to veto any further extension of majority voting in the European Union if German pressure to delay revision of the Maastricht treaty is successful. The intergovernmental conference to revise the treaty is to start next year.

But the possibility of an extension of the conference beyond 1996 was aired yesterday by a senior German official, who said it would be "inopportune" for the outcome to coincide with an election campaign in Britain. So far, it has been widely expected that the conference would begin in early 1996 and conclude before the end of that year, possibly at a summit due to be held in Ireland in December 1996.

Before the EU summit in Madrid this December, diplomats will have to strike a balancing act between Italy's wish to see the start of the conference during its own presidency in the first six months of 1996, and the desire to extend the intergovernmental conference beyond the British general election, which must be held by May 1997.

Bonn is adamant about extending majority voting on European legislation before taking in countries from Central and Eastern Europe. The argument is that decision-making would become unwieldy if current blocking thresholds survived in a Union of 20 or more member states.

More controversially from a British point of view, Germany supports some form of majority voting in foreign policy and interior and justice affairs, which are now subject to national vetos.

Mr Major has already threatened to block any further EU moves to extend majority voting.

Kinkel poll defeats risk Kohl's leadership

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

KLAUS KINKEL, Germany's Foreign Minister, yesterday refused to consider resigning as chairman of the Free Democrats despite the disastrous showing of his party in two regional elections.

"The worst thing we could do now is to lose our heads," said Herr Kinkel, an ally of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor. The fighting words could not dispel the impression that Herr Kinkel and the Chancellor are in trouble. The Free Democrats have lost 12 recent polls and appear to be heading for parliamentary oblivion.

Yet Herr Kohl needs the party to stay in power. The alternative is a coalition with the Social Democrats, which would at best be a clumsy, elephantine marriage.

The weekend elections in North-Rhine Westphalia, which has more than 13 million voters, and the city state of Bremen have shown key trends. The Social Democrats, the incumbent Government in both states, have lost votes and will have to strike deals with the Greens. That has added weight to the possibility of a Social Democrat-Green alliance emerging as a likely alternative to Herr Kohl in the 1998 elections. If the two Left-leaning parties co-operate on programme, and policy, and if the Free Democrats continue to shrink, Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats could be levered out of power.



Kinkel: refuses to consider resigning

Tomb for 50 royal sons unearthed

FROM REUTER IN CAIRO

ARCHAEOLOGISTS working in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt have uncovered a vast royal tomb that may be the biggest pharaonic burial chamber yet found, Egyptian authorities said yesterday.

American archaeologists explored the tomb, containing at least 67 chambers, in February and it is believed that 50 of Rameses II's sons may have been buried there 3,000 years ago.

"This may be the biggest burial chamber found in Egypt so far," Egypt's Supreme Council for Antiquities, quoting Kent Weeks, an American Egyptologist, said.

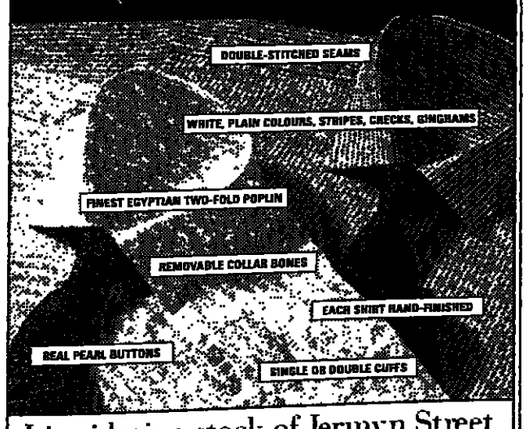
Abdelhalim Nourredin, head of the antiquities council, described it as magnificent, even though it was in poor condition and had been looted.

The entrance to the tomb was discovered last century in the rugged limestone walls of the valley, 30 yards from the tomb of Rameses II, but floodwater debris had blocked off all but three of the outermost chambers.

In February the Weeks team found a passageway leading past 20 chambers to a statue of Osiris, the god of the underworld. The corridor then divided into two more passages, each with 20 rooms, which end in stairs leading, perhaps, to more unexplored rooms.

Most royal tombs in the valley are simple structures with a single corridor leading to a main burial chamber. "This is a tomb of unique design and size from a crucial period in ancient history," Mr Nourredin said.

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Something is wrong with the mountaineers who put their need for escape before their families

Noble impulse or just neurosis?



NIGELLA LAWSON

Yesterday, a *Times* leading article praised the *chutzpah* of Alison Hargreaves, who has just become the first woman to climb Everest without oxygen. There is a certain cultural dissonance here of course: if one were to divide the world into areas of Jewish and gentile achievement, the ascent of Everest would have most resolutely to be put down as a goy activity. Somehow schlepping up mountains just doesn't seem to be a very Jewish thing. For all that the word was well-chosen, implying as it does a certain unseemly audacity, a courage for which one has a sneaking regard only on account of its sheer recklessness. The term denotes bravery pointedly devoid of any moral content: which is to say not bravery at all.

But I did acknowledge a sneaking regard. It takes some sort of courage and bullish determination to do what Hargreaves has done, and I do see the particular point of showing one's strength and staying power specifically as a woman. I am quite bowled over by the way in which she was so ungracious in triumph: apparently she has scornfully claimed — and this is a reference to the first woman who got to the top of Everest, with the benefit of oxygen — that "if I'd wanted simply to climb Everest, I would have gone years ago. But a big expedition with Sherpas and bottled oxygen virtually guarantees the outcome".

Hargreaves's husband boasts on her behalf that the only other person to have made it to the top "unmasked, alone", Reinhold Messner, had a much easier line of ascent because of the prevailing weather conditions. But as quickly as my regard sneaks in, it sneaks out again. We are accustomed to thinking of the very human desire to conquer nature as an admirable characteristic. To any right-minded person it comes across as not so much a noble impulse, more a neurosis. Hargreaves gives it away herself. Apparently she plans a mere fortnight's rest before setting off on another jaunt, this time to climb a mountain with a less evocative name: K2, the world's second highest mountain.

There are those who feel that they are truly alive only when they are risking death. But this is a worrying rather than laudable trait. Something is wrong with people who feel a pathological need to escape from the everyday here and nowness of life. Some of them become junkies, others go in for mountaineering. I have no time for people who risk their life in a vainglorious attempt to be praised for courage. Everywhere there are people in real danger, who live — though not for long — in famine, with terminal cancer, at war. If the Alison Hargreaves of this world really value life so little maybe we should not worry on their behalf if they lose it.

There are, of course, the children. Alison Hargreaves has two, under six — not that it is any more culpable to be a mother and risk your children's happiness and security unnecessarily than it is to be a father who does the same thing. Either way it shows a reality-denying self-centredness.

To want praise, to want to achieve something is not so despicable, but it is the disparity between the essential futility of the deed and the breast-swelling brouhaha that greets the achievement that makes this sort of me-first mountaineering so contemptible. Though no doubt we will all applaud like mad when the world's first one-legged blind man walks backwards up the North Ridge of Everest, bravery is only commendable, is only bravery, if the risk is worth taking because of what stands to be gained.

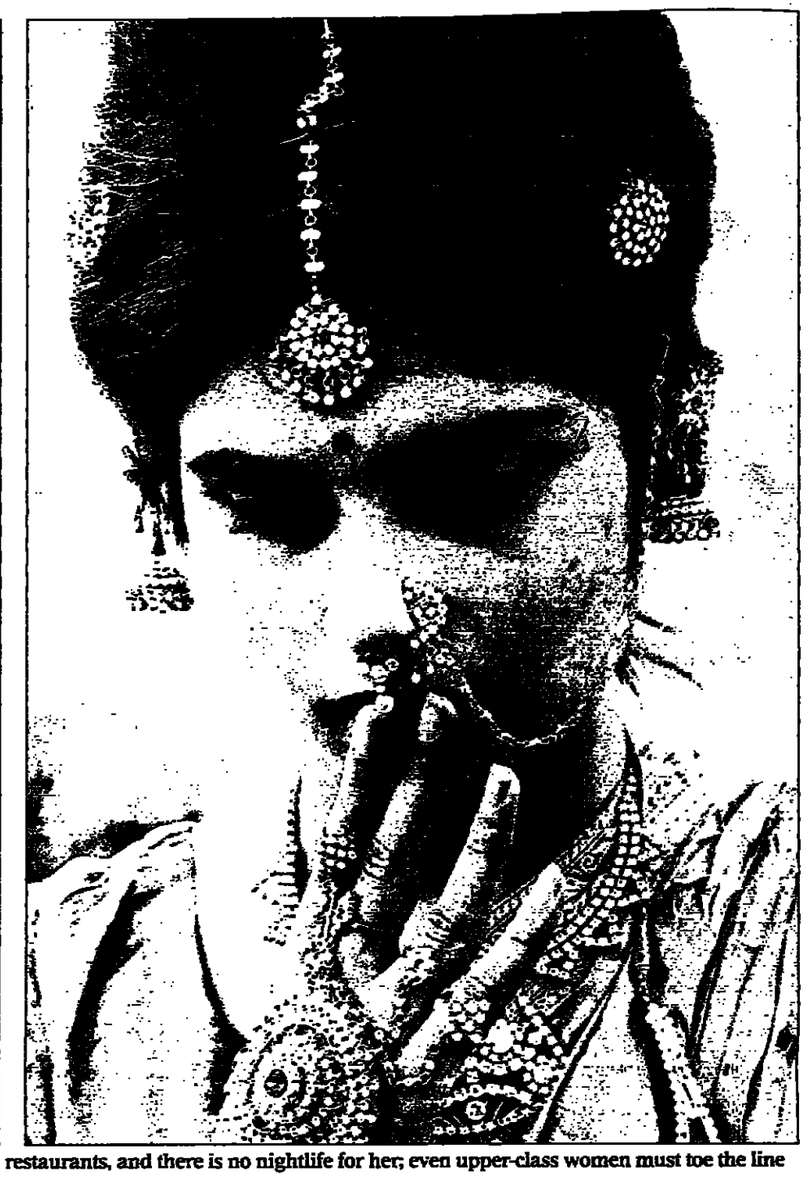
● A FRENCH *soi-disant* sexual scientist claims that women who are worried about being pestered by men on the beach this summer should go topless. He's right of course: the men who will do the lewdest, most intrusive whistling and jeering are often the most easily embarrassed. Exposure could well be the way to keep the wolves at bay.

I'm almost convinced. But — call me suspicious — it occurs to me that this may be nothing less than a clever Gallic ruse on behalf of oglers everywhere. My costume shall remain in place.

The fate that awaits Jemima

Christopher Thomas on the strict Islamic lifestyle that Imran Khan's fiancée can expect in Pakistan





Jemima Goldsmith and her Pakistani counterpart: she will see few women dining in restaurants, and there is no nightlife for her; even upper-class women must toe the line

Jemima Goldsmith faces the shock of her life. The shackles of a strict Islamic society will clamp invisibly but firmly shut the moment she steps out of the Very Very Important Persons (VVIP) section of Lahore airport into the thick heat of the Punjabi summer. She will reel from a sea of whiskered taxi drivers barging and bellowing for business, unchecked by the policemen waiting in the shadows for opportunities to extort money. She is unlikely to see any women, save for the occasional gold-draped wife of a drugs baron or corrupt politician hurrying to the First Class lounge.

There are two classes of women in Pakistan: upper and lower. The upper are distinguished by their deliberate use of English, marking them as liberated, westernised and rich. Some are newspaper editors, ambassadors, senior civil servants, doctors and lawyers. They were educated at Oxbridge or Yale, learnt English before Urdu, grew up with servants, and are given to complaining about their country because it is not Esher. Even they have to toe the line: the westernised Benazir Bhutto had to metamorphose out of jeans into ethnic garb, head covered at all times by a *dupatta*. She found it politically necessary to have an arranged marriage, and all four of her pregnancies brought protests from fundamentalists that she should be at home with the children.

> The treatment of women will shock her

If Jemima goes to a restaurant in the exclusive Gulmarg district of Lahore she will be able to count the women customers on a couple of fingers.

There will be no wine on the menu because it is illegal, although some restaurants can be persuaded to pour illicit liquor into teapots. If Jemima fancies a regular tipple she will have to get to know the neighbourhood bootlegger, a shady character who comes at night, bribe money at the ready for a sharp-eyed policeman. Almost everybody in the upper classes drinks, often ferociously, but never in public. What is good for the elite is bad for the masses, who are severely punished for boozing.

Jemima plans to work at a newspaper in Lahore. If it happens to be at the office of *Dawn*, she will have to negotiate the traffic turmoil on the Mall and find a little door with peeling paint, beyond which lies a stinking staircase that rises into a clutch of offices covered in the grime of generations. The atmosphere is one of penury and unremitting boredom. Reporters in Pakistan are talented but appallingly poor. Not so their proprietors, many of whom are mega-rich charlatans. One of the country's principal English-language newspapers is owned by a drugs baron who lives in a castle in the Khyber.

The nightlife Jemima enjoys in London does not exist in Pakistan: no clubs or bars, no theatres she would care to visit, no culture she could understand save for the occasional event staged by the British Council, which has a substantial presence.

In her spare time Jemima might decide to explore the lifestyles of lower-class women. She would soon find a pile of reports from Amnesty International and other human rights organisations portraying a country that could be from the Dark Ages. Women are jailed for being raped, and once behind bars they stand a good chance of again being molested, this time by policemen. Under Islamic rape law a woman must provide four male Muslim eyewitnesses to prove that there was penetration: the testimony of women carries no legal weight.

Jemima will hear a lot of dinner-table tut-tutting from the elite about the Hudood Ordinances, or Islamic penal laws, which criminalise adultery. Punishments include stoning to death and public flogging. A woman who fails to convince police that she was raped runs the risk of being prosecuted for adultery or illicit sex.

Jemima may feel like exploring the plight of religious minorities. She will find that Christians are mostly at the bottom of the social heap, doing the meanest jobs and frequently suffering physical persecution. Jews are hated, which could be a problem for her, given that Sir James Goldsmith, her father, is half Jewish and a good friend of Israel. The Islamisation of Pakistan's civil and criminal law since the early 1980s has undermined freedom of religion, but Jemima's conversion to Islam will shield her from the national tendency to worst religious bigotry.

Karachi, the provincial capital, is at war with itself in a complex web of conflicts. In the newspapers she will read about the daily tally of killings in Karachi, about rooftop snipers who pick off police for the hell of it, about gunmen who massacre worshippers in mosques, and about the pervasive drugs culture.

Pakistan is a million miles from the green pastures of Richmond, and Jemima will find it hard to be truly accepted despite her conversion to Islam. Pakistan has an old, traditional, race-conscious society with a low tolerance for outsiders, even if the outsider happens to be the wife of Imran Khan, the most popular man ever to walk the young Islamic state.

Some British women tell **Lucy Berrington** why they married Muslims

Women's Libbers in headscarves

MS GOLDSMITH would find Muslim life easier were she to stay in Britain than move to Pakistan. "The light of Islam is rising in the West", say new recruits, quoting the Koran.

Estimates of the numbers of "new British Muslims" range from 10,000 to 20,000. The vast majority appear to be women, as in the United States where the ratio of male to female converts is one to four.

Western women observing this rush for the *hijab* (headscarf) tend to stare in disbelief, broadcasting the worst excesses of "Muslim chauvinism". Yet female converts, typically well educated, merely pontificate on the failure of western feminism, chuck away their make-up and micro skirts, gather up their babies and university degrees and march resolutely to the mosque.

Nouria, 38, a former Protestant who converted in 1974 after discovering verses of the Koran in a London dustbin, has five children by her Egyptian husband, revels in the wisdom of American feminist guru Camille Paglia and is taking a degree in gender studies. She says: "Women say I am a traitor to my sex, but I could say the same about most of the women in this country. They have been defeminised. But Muslim women are cherished and have a dignity completely absent from western life. Everything the feminist movement is aiming for, except lesbianism and abortion, we've got."

> 'Muslim wives are cherished and have dignity'

Batool Toma, 40, was from an Irish Catholic background but converted 16 years ago and works for the Leicester-based Islamic Foundation. "Western feminists often look on Muslim converts as a catastrophe. But women converts see that British society has deteriorated and want to revive the importance of the family," she says.

Emira Topham, 28, from Swindon, converted in 1993 after suffering a personal crisis marked by drugs, alcohol and fruitless sexual relationships. An art student, she was feeling suicidal when she discovered Islam through a study of Moroccan art. She married a Muslim convert, taking on his five children and having three of her own, a process that brought "tremendous freedom".

"Everyone said having babies was tying myself down, but I saw it as the opposite. It was very liberating. One of the major life decisions was out of the way. Embracing Islam was the same." In practice the most divisive aspect of Islam was choosing to stay at home caring for her children, confounding a need to define British women by their careers.

KRISTIANE Backer, the MTV presenter and Imran Khan's most recent ex, found Islam a "beautiful" religion, praising its coherence and emphasis on social justice.

Still, Ms Goldsmith might bear in mind that Islam, so ready to receive her, would be rather less tolerant of any subsequent change of faith. And, while revelling in her tag as the girl who ensnared Imran Khan, she might pray she is the only wife he takes.

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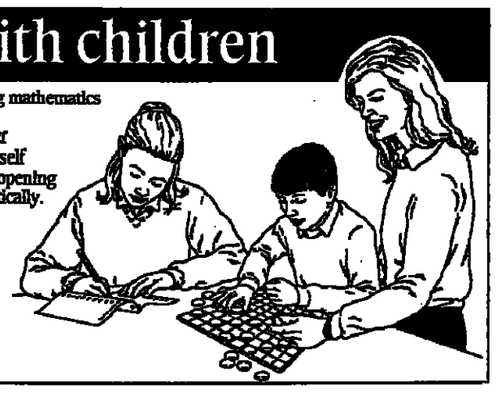
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Why sensible screening should be available for all adults



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Patient undergoing a resting electrocardiogram at St Bartholomew's Hospital: screening has been criticised for its cost, but never by anyone whose life was saved as a result

The old-fashioned doctor needed sharp powers of observation if he was to be a diagnostician. The signs which can be seen with the naked eye, felt with the hands, or heard down the stethoscope, remain important, often crucial, and the modern doctor still needs to be equally vigilant. The hallmark of a good diagnosis is to have detected the presence of disease before its signs and symptoms are so gross that no third-year student could have missed them.

The value of screening in terms of its cost-effectiveness is often disputed, but never by those who owe their life to a wary doctor who has spotted some change during routine examination. Clinical examination which includes of course listening to the heart and taking the blood pressure remains of paramount importance.

Chest X-ray is no longer considered obligatory but is indicated in older patients, smokers and those who travel. In any routine examination the blood test is all-revealing. This will show who is anaemic. Unexplained anaemia needs full investigation, for all too often it can point to unsuspected cancer of the gastro-intestinal tract. The blood count, together with the ESR, a non-specific blood test which when raised introduces suspicions of inflammatory, infective or malignant disease, may expose rare forms of anaemia, or suggest the presence of leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma. The standard laboratory biochemical profile of the blood gives an indication of liver and kidney function, calcium metabolism, any tendency to gout, or diabetes.



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

It is no longer adequate to know the overall cholesterol level. The relationship between the high density, the so-called good and possibly cardio-protective lipoprotein cholesterol and the low density lipoprotein which is closely associated with a liability to cardio-vascular disease is important to all who wish to punish their firm's pension funds.

Any change in a biochemical reading is important. Regular, steady increase year by year for instance in the serum creatine level may be the first sign of potentially lethal kidney damage and herald it long before it can be detected by urine examination and it is hoped before it has had time to cause irreparable damage. Changes in the gamma GT, a liver function test, may be related to nothing more sinister than an expanding waistband, but it could be the first sign of increasing reliance on the whisky bottle or of incipient liver disease.

Women from the age of 40 onwards need annual examinations of their breasts with mammography, this test may be indicated at an earlier age if the woman has a family history of breast disease. The objective must be to detect lumps at a time when they are so small that they cannot be felt. Mammography is increasingly followed by ultrasound examination, preferably using one which incorporates a colour doppler system which exposes the blood supply to the breast. The blood supply is increased in cancerous tissue. Ultrasound examination of the ovaries would be desirable for all women in middle age, and is strongly recommended for those with either a family history of ovarian or breast cancer. Blood tests to detect cancer of the ovaries are still disappointing as they give rise to too many false negatives. The density of women's bones should be measured, preferably with an ultrasound bone densitometer.

Detection of coronary heart disease is as important in women after the menopause as in men. The resting ECG as a diagnostic test for heart disease is criticised because it misses so much coronary-arterial disease, but when coupled with a careful interrogation, and by a pessimistic interpretation of the tracing, it can give valuable information. An exercise ECG on a treadmill is more effective and could well be recommended for middle-aged men every five years, but false positives are common.

Ideally, men over 55 should have an ultrasound of the aorta to detect aneurysm at a time when it is operable; this becomes increasingly important if the men are diabetic, hypertensive or have other evidence of hardening of the arteries.

The early detection of cancer of the prostate has previously been neglected. The PSA, a blood test, acts as a guide, sorting out those who need further investigation. A man over 50 should be as conversant with his PSA level as an army recruit is with his personal number.

Guts are a potential source of trouble. Routine testing for, and if indicated the eradication of, *helicobacter pylori*, the organism associated with indigestion and ulceration, will in time, it is hoped, reduce stomach cancers. Chronic heartburn warrants examination by endoscopy. Those patients with a family history of cancer of the bowel, a change in bowel habit, or rectal bleeding, should be examined with a colonoscope. The first signs of cancer of the bladder may be microscopic quantities of blood in the urine which cannot be seen but only found by testing with a dipstick. The Bard test picks up the presence of malignant cells in the urine, and unfortunately can give a high number of false positive readings.

Screening has a role for younger groups too for this is a time when base lines can be established. Young men also need to be encouraged to examine their testes and, if there are changes in size or shape, to have access to ultrasound. Testicular cancer is still the most common solid tumour found in men under 45.

All women once they have becomed sexually active require cervical smears, preferably annually. The official interval of two years is too long; within the past couple of months I have seen two patients with advanced pre-malignant disease who had normal smears within the past three years.

Bupa, with whom I have worked for nearly 25 years, popularised medical screening and remains the brand leader. They have a chain of screening units and are in the process of updating their facilities; some of the newer tests will be offered as part of the standard package, others will be available à la carte.

The Nuffield and BMI (British Medical Insurance) hospital groups also have nationwide centres and an increasing number of other private hospitals and doctors offer similar facilities. Some centres are more concerned with estimating the physical fitness, in terms for instance of playing strenuous sports, than detecting disease; these may appeal to younger clients.

Dr Jan de Winter's, Brighton Centre, (01273 727213) is unique. It is a charity and those who can pay the cost price, those who can't pay a reduced fee. Surprisingly it is one of the leaders in screening and already offers as routine many of the tests not yet universally available. In most centres, the cost of the provisional basic screen (routine blood-tests, ECG, chest X-ray, hearing and vision tests, physical examination, mammography and smear), which has remained unaltered for about 20 years, is between £300 and £360. This does not include the price of the screening tests now being introduced.

Scientists are dismissing their old theories

Will a fruit and vegetable diet make you live longer?

Nigel Hawkes on the results of the latest research in heart disease

For at least a decade, the nation's dietary guardians have been preaching the damage fat can do. Blamed for the western world's greatest killer, heart disease, fat has been given a starring role in the demonology of diet. *Health of the Nation*, the Health Department's recipe for long life and happiness, rates the reduction of total fat and saturated fat in the diet as top priorities.

Yet no large long-term trial of reducing total and saturated fats for the primary prevention of coronary heart disease has even been conducted, says a leading British specialist, Professor Michael Oliver of the Royal Brompton National Heart and Lung Institute. And the trials that have been done provide no basis for such recommendations.

Professor Oliver recently told a conference in New York just how inadequate the evidence is. Reducing fat does not appear to have any worthwhile effect on death rates. Only trials in which some other risk factor, such as smoking, was also altered have shown any clear benefit.

"It is high time this paradoxical situation was addressed and questioned," he said. "Government, health departments and many health educationists are rigid in the belief that reducing dietary fat is beneficial... Vast sums of money are being spent on nutritional programmes, dietitian advice and nurse counselling in pursuance of diets which may be completely ineffectual."

He cites six trials of reducing saturated fat, along with other measures such as cutting smoking, reducing blood pressure and increasing exercise. Most showed no benefit in reducing deaths from heart disease or deaths from all causes.

Conversely, he says, trials in which the *quality* of fat was altered do show impressive, consistent and encouraging results. These generally involve the use of vegetable or fish oils, or simply the increased consumption of fish.

These findings suggest that the central dogma — the so-called "lipid hypothesis" of heart disease — is overdue for replacement. This holds that diets high in fat lead to high levels of cholesterol in the bloodstream, and increased risks of arterial blockages. There are so many exceptions to this rule that it is becoming hard to sustain, even in the absence of the trial data.

Doctors believe vitamins may hold the key

Waiting in the wings is a new theory, the oxidised LDL hypothesis, which seems to fit the facts rather better. This is the fruit-and-veg or red wine theory (depending on your predilections) which holds that what really does the damage in heart disease is not cholesterol *per se*, but the part of the cholesterol that is linked to low-density lipoproteins (LDL) and becomes oxidised in the body.

Cholesterol comes in two forms: LDL, high levels of which are linked to heart disease, and HDL, which appears to protect against the disease. The basis of the new theory is that LDL is damaging only once oxidised.

Then it is no longer recognised by receptors on the cell walls, but instead provokes an immune response which leads to damage to blood vessels and clot formation. If so, then anything that increases oxidation will lead to more heart disease, and anything that reduces it will be protective.

Take fruit and vegetables, which are known to contain anti-oxidant vitamins. Diets high in them appear to protect against heart disease, as the theory predicts. Indeed, as the National Dairy Council points out, the amount of fruit and vegetables eaten in different parts of Britain is a better predictor of heart disease than fat.

More is eaten in the South, where heart disease is lower, than in Scotland, one of the world's heart black spots. The poor eat less fruit, and suffer more heart attacks. Irishmen who emigrate to Boston suffer less heart disease than their brothers back home, and the only difference is the fruit and vegetables they eat. The theory also explains why smoking is such a potent cause of heart disease, since its effect is to oxidise LDL. It is consistent, too, with studies that link heart disease risks to total cholesterol, since the more cholesterol there is, the more there is to be oxidised.

So instead of cutting fat and cholesterol we ought to try harder to prevent the oxidation of LDL. But let's be sure of the facts before we start: another dietary wrong-turn and the public might begin to notice.

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Who pays the party pipers?

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky on

better ways to fund politics

It is easy to sympathise with the Prime Minister's refusal to permit Lord Nolan and his colleagues to consider the vexed question of the reform of regulations about party and campaign funding. In its recent report, the committee showed that it was prepared to reach conclusions based on little or no evidence.

For instance, Lord Nolan's conclusion that he had uncovered no evidence of widespread corruption in British public life was hardly surprising, given that he had refused to consider any individual cases or groups of cases of alleged misconduct. Yet this did not deter the committee from recommending several dozen reforms. John Major has a reasonable case for deciding that this is not the most suitable forum for considering whether there is a case for public subsidies to party organisations.

All the same, it is imprudent and unrealistic for him to think that he can avoid serious discussion of this subject. If he is not prepared to take part in the debate on institutional and constitutional reform, Conservative arguments will be lost by default. Labour and the Liberal Democrats will continue to set the pace.

Such organisations as Charter 88 and the Institute for Public Policy Research have spent years arguing the case for institutional change. Now, two detailed studies are under way: the Nuffield Foundation's investigation into the constitution (based at University College London), and a "democratic audit" of the United Kingdom being carried out at the University of Essex.

The policy work being conducted by the opposition parties is the most detailed since that of the Conservatives before the 1970 general election. Labour and the Liberal Democrats are agreed on the need for public subsidies for political parties, and for restrictions on large contributions from individuals and companies, especially from abroad.

The Lib-Lab case for making taxpayers foot most of the bills for election campaigns and for maintaining the parties' headquarters is in line with practice in most European countries. This week, the Council of Europe is gathering an international group of experts to consider whether to draw up a code for the funding of political parties on the lines of the European Convention on Human Rights. The draft under discussion is based on two assumptions: that political donations should always be disclosed, and that state funding is the best way to ensure that elections are fairly and efficiently run.

Yet European experience shows that reform based on these principles creates as many problems as it solves. All too often, leaders of opposing parties have colluded in contravening the laws. Where the restrictions on fundraising have been applied to party organisations, they have been sidestepped by creating nominally independent but actually linked organisations, such as the German "party foundations" or similar bodies free from these controls. Donors wishing to conceal their political gifts have found it easy to evade laws about disclosure by redirecting their money through such channels.

Countries such as Italy and Germany have experienced problems relating to corrupt secret payments for election campaigns that have been far more grave than anything encountered in Britain. Yet both countries have elaborate laws about the disclosure of political payments and generous subsidies for the parties.

Besides this failure, such reforms have had a further defect. It is in practice impossible to devise formulae for subsidies which are fair to all parties. Does "fairness' mean equal subsidies for all parties regardless of electoral support? *Should subsidies be based on a party's past* electoral performance (disadvantaging emerging parties) or on support at the *next* election (which makes it impossible to determine the level of subsidy while the campaign is being fought)? Is it fair to base public payments on the number of party members, or on voting support?

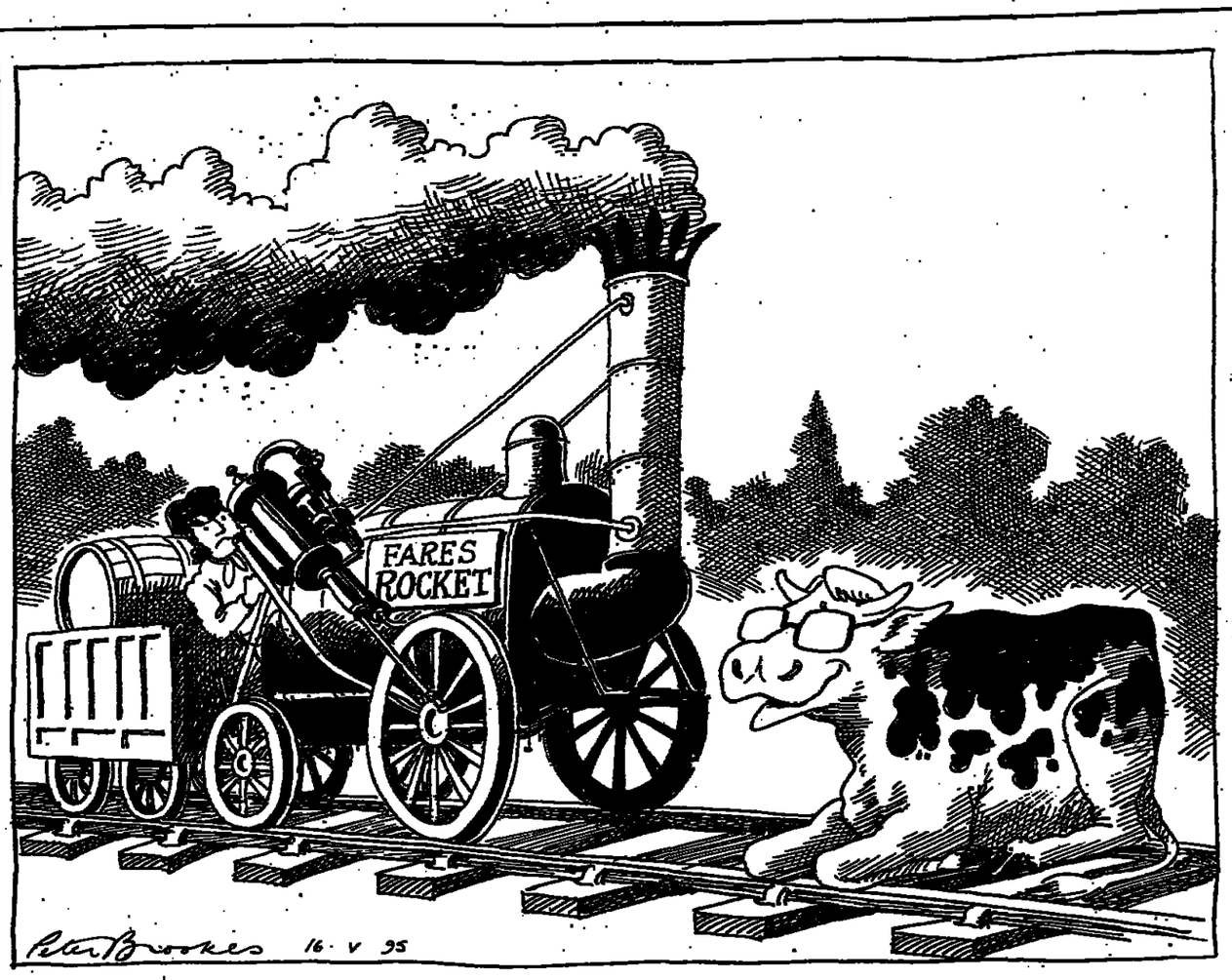
> Countries that give state aid see worse abuses

What is certain is that where there are public subsidies, such arguments are not decided on their merits, but by bargaining between party bosses. Where a party has a pivotal position in such negotitations (such as the German Free Democrats), it will be able to win a favourable deal. Hence the generous treatment of the "party foundation" attached to the Free Democrats.

Rather than making parties reliant on state handouts, there is a strong case for encouraging them to concentrate on raising money from ordinary members. However, Mr Major cannot ignore the fact that Tory membership has been plummeting, and that with it has gone his party's capacity to raise money from subscriptions, raffles, and wine-and-quiche events.

If the Tories wish to oppose *state funding of politics, they* will need to suggest alternative reforms to encourage small donations from supporters. In Canada, Germany and elsewhere, such donations have been stimulated by making them free of income tax or by matching them from public funds.

If Britain followed the Canadian model, every pound raised as a membership subscription (up to, say, £20) would be matched by £2 from the Treasury. From £20 to a maximum of £40, the matching grant would be pound for pound. This would encourage parties to recruit members, and would not give party organisations something for nothing. Another way to encourage participation in political fundraising would be to make company contributions dependent on shareholders' ballots.



Defend the nation first

Jonathan Eyal says new EU alliances are no substitute for American power

To judge by the meeting of the Western European Union that ended yesterday in Lisbon, governments are at long last determined to break the infuriating cycle of disputes that has paralysed Europe's military arrangements since the end of the Cold War. For the first time, the countries of Central Europe attended the meeting, showing how old ideological divisions are being erased.

The WEU, which is widely seen as the European Union's future security arm, concentrated at the summit on pinpointing future threats. Europe's Mediterranean states, for instance, are creating new forces intended to meet the menace of instability in North Africa.

Yet the meeting simply postponed a major political confrontation. The debate about Europe's new security arrangements closely resembles the battle over monetary union: a collection of arcane proposals in which "vision" always rates higher than reality, the "process" is more important than the aim, words stand in for deeds and everything is suffocated by a mixture of acronyms, theological interpretations of incomprehensible treaties, hot air and outright deceit.

The bedrock of all military relationships for the past 50 years has been the assumption that military alliances are not merely desirable, but vital. Furthermore, the continent *did not wait for the European Union* to invent the idea of military cooperation: it was the North Atlantic Alliance, not the EEC, that accommodated Germany's rearmament in the early 1950s, while Community officials were still preoccupied with regulating the size of eggs, usually without bothering to consult the *chicken*.

But Europe's current defence debate is not concerned with the principle of military cooperation. Rather, it is almost entirely driven by people with no inkling of real military capabilities, a gaggle of individuals more interested in who should run Europe's military establishments than with what these are designed to accomplish. Just as monetary union is intended to signify the victory of politics over economics, so the creation of a European defence programme is supposed to represent the ultimate triumph of bureaucracy over history.

The idea that Europe remains an incomplete power as long as it does not have a centralised government and a standing army appealed at first only to those who sought safety somewhere between a capitalist United States and a communist Soviet empire. But the collapse of the Eastern bloc gave the idea new respectability. The continent is still surrounded by wars, but they are less intense, and since America is clearly tired of underwriting our security, a European defence identity, the bureaucrats in Brussels argue, is simply a matter of common sense.

The Maastricht arrangements of 1991 are a classic compromise between the countries that wanted to uphold existing organisations (such as Nato) and those that argued for a radical European security structure.

> The visionaries should ask how many soldiers would be ready to die for Brussels

On the one hand, EU members pledged themselves to a "common defence policy, which might in time lead to common defence". But on the other hand, foreign and security *policies were left to the member* governments, acting in the Council of Ministers, rather than the supranational Commission. The British Government claimed this as its own triumph: as long as the entire process of creating a European defence identity was gradual and controlled by nation-states, there was, London *argued, nothing to fear. In practice,* however, officials in Brussels are still determined to prove that what was not in the treaty can be achieved by stealth.

The British said that creating a separate European security organisation would at best duplicate Nato, and at worst drive the Americans out of the continent. But this was undermined by Washington. The Administration's belief that America's policies have been unduly Euro-centric, and need to be redirected towards Asia, was backed by a flood of statistics on trade, all supposedly indicating that Europe's economic importance is now eclipsed by the potential of the Pacific economies.

Now while it is true that America trades more with Asia than with Europe, the EU, similarly, trades more with Asia than with the United States. Constructing a new security pecking order out of this is childish, and Washington has subsequently withdrawn from such comparisons. Nevertheless, America continues to urge Europe to do more in its own defence. And it is here that the discussions have become dangerous.

In practical terms, "Europe" can do precious few things on its own. Without the Americans, the continent would have little in the way of logistical infrastructure, communications, intelligence or air transport capacity — to name but a few of the crucial ingredients in any credible defence. Duplicating the American capacity would require an additional annual expenditure of more than $100 billion for the *next decade — a phenomenal sum* which nobody is willing to pay. And the governments that talk about a European defence identity are those most eager to cut their military budgets.

It was agreed last January that the Europeans may be able to use Nato equipment for operations in *which America is involved. Officially,* therefore, circles can be squares: Europe can establish its own security arrangements without paying the bills. But the practice is quite different. No American president would be able to hire out his country's military equipment while abandoning any influence over how it is used. And *even if the arrangement were made to* work, it could apply only if the Europeans felt threatened enough to use force and yet America felt disinterested enough to relinquish its equipment. Russia, the Balkans and North Africa are Europe's main problems today. In all three areas, the idea of a European action without American involvement remains fanciful. But flights of fancy are a EU speciality.

Europe's common security policy is not always a liability for nation-states. Indeed, as British ministers have discovered, pointing to some anodyne communiqué from Brussels is usually a good way to silence awkward parliamentary questions about far-flung places such as East Timor or Zaire.

Furthermore, there is little doubt that the threat of economic sanctions against a country is more credible if it is made by 15 states rather than one. But the problem starts when national interests are at stake. Britain's dispute with China over Hong Kong would have been helped by EU solidarity. Yet when this dispute was at its height last year, Germany's Chancellor Kohl was in Peking, bowing as deep as his portly figure would allow to the country's geriatric leaders in the hope of some lucrative trade contracts. Common foreign policy yes — as long as it does not cost a pfennig.

Europe is now teeming with paper constructions: the Eurocorps — the Germans and French spent a year working out the designs for their badges and common menus for their soldiers — is now joined by the Eurofor, created yesterday for the Mediterranean. But such structures are simply repackaging the dwindling military resources at Europe's disposal, and they are all designed to do everything in general, without doing anything in particular.

Britain is well placed to make changes, because no security structure is feasible without Britain. The Government made a good start in March by tabling a set of sensible proposals which envisage a greater role for the Western European Union, better consultation procedures and the allocation of some support staff to European institutions. But Britain must continue to insist that European security remain anchored in the wishes of individual nations.

In military affairs, being adventurous and visionary is not always a virtue. And it is incumbent upon those who dream up schemes to transfer security powers to the EU to answer a simple question: how many soldiers would choose to lay down their lives for the Commission and Brussels?

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Rifkind's Scottish rift

Magnus Linklater

on a minister's trial by radio

Malcolm Rifkind has one of those enviable memories that allows him to summon up literary quotations appropriate to the moment. He is particularly fond of Kipling's *If*: "If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken / Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools, / Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken . . ."

It is one he may have found himself reciting through gritted teeth last weekend, as he pondered a couple of unfortunate but revealing encounters with the media which landed him in the sort of trouble he is usually so good at avoiding. For a man with his courtroom skills, it must have been galling to find himself in the position of embarrassing his Prime Minister. His anger at the way he was reported — though it may have been partly with himself — showed in the course of an ill-tempered interview with John Humphrys on the *Today* programme, the first time I can remember him losing his steely self-control in public.

He had a point. It was monstrous for the BBC to quote only half of his answer to a Channel 4 question about Scottish devolution, so creating the impression that there had been yet another Cabinet split on policy. It was the kind of distortion that gets newspapers, quite rightly, hauled in front of the Press Complaints Commission. Mr Rifkind's actual words on television were: "I have no problem about the principle of devolution or of constitutional change if there are proposals which can apply throughout the United Kingdom and create a stable constitutional structure." Clearly he thought they wouldn't. The BBC, however, used just the first 13 words. The result was a misleading sound-nibble.

It was not surprising, therefore, that when he was questioned about this on *Today* he became increasingly irritated when Mr Humphrys, by constant interruption, appeared to be denying him the chance to explain his position. But there are ways and means of dealing with rude reporters (he should talk to Michael Heseltine about this), and he gave the impression of being on weak ground.

But then his answer to the original question did seem an odd way to have handled such a sensitive issue. Only a few hours earlier, John Major had stated his unequivocal opposition to any separate Scottish assembly. Devolution, he said, threatened the very stability of the United Kingdom. When prime ministers say something they appear to mean, ministers usually feel the need to to echo their sentiments. Why, therefore, should Mr Rifkind open a sentence by appearing to concede the principle?

One reason is that Mr Rifkind, remarkably for a politician of his experience, is not by nature a devious man — though he has a touch of lawyer's arrogance — and can be wrongfooted when others are less straightforward than he. As Scottish Secretary, he was out-manoeuvred by his more brutal junior minister, Michael Forsyth, who had the ear of Margaret Thatcher and went behind his back to win her support. In her memoirs, Lady Thatcher was scathing about Mr Rifkind: "His judgment was erratic and his behaviour unpredictable," she wrote. She believed that he had been "a passionate supporter" of devolution, and had never quite shaken it off.

But Mr Rifkind's support of devolution has been based more on logic than passion, although as a Scot he understands the mood of the country better. Unlike Mr Major, he can see the respectable argument for devolution, since he has put it cogently himself. In Arnold Kemp's recent book on post-war Scottish politics, *The Hollow Drum*, he was straightforward about the views he held in the 1970s: "We had a policy which committed the Conservative Party, including Mrs Thatcher, to support the principle of devolution and the principle of a Scottish assembly of some kind," he said. "At that time we envisaged that assembly as having legislative powers." When Mrs Thatcher decided to oppose the second reading of Labour's devolution Bill in 1976, Mr Rifkind felt obliged to resign his position.

There are those who accuse him of performing since then a classic U-turn. But actually his views have remained reasonably consistent. Even in those days he opposed the idea of a Scottish parliament with executive powers, because he believed it created a risk of separatism. More recently, he has argued against Labour's plans, not on grounds of principle, but because he believes they are impractical. Only a truly federal solution could, in his view, solve the notorious West Lothian question and provide a balanced form of devolution throughout the United Kingdom. This would mean parliaments of equal status in London and Edinburgh, and devolved assemblies in the English regions. This is closer to the Liberal Democrat position than Labour's — but I would not want to land Mr Rifkind in any more trouble.

A cruder politician would simply have ignored the subtleties and hammered out the party line. But Mr Rifkind is not that kind. He suffers from that gravest of handicaps, the need to address the question.

Lady's second

THE LATEST test of government nerves comes not from Labour, and not even from Lord Nolan, but from Baroness Thatcher, who is about to launch the second part of the memoirs she began with *The Downing Street Years*. Senior Tories fear that in *The Path to Power*, to be published on June 12, she will deliver an "explosive" verdict on *her successor*.

The bulk of the book will deal with Margaret's childhood, marriage and motherhood, and the political years before she became Prime Minister in 1979. But according to one of her confidants, she simply could not resist penning a postcript on the post-1990 years. "It's classic Thatcher," he said. "She just feels the need to set out her views about what has happened since she left office."

Members of her circle doubt that she intends to add to Major's woes by castigating him personally. They suggest that she wants instead to indicate the direction in which she feels the country should be going, most notably on Europe.

The closest possible secrecy shrouds the book at publishers HarperCollins. "We are not allowed to tell you anything," says an unspokesman. "Not only that, but we have had to sign a declaration of confidentiality. The world will know soon enough."

Bonne chance

STAFF at Bonham's were on the crest of a wave yesterday, after carrying off first, second and third prizes in the inter-auction-room races at the Seaview Yacht Club on the Isle of Wight. Christie's and Sotheby's were trounced.

"Hugely enjoyable," said the chipper skipper Nick Bonham, who has sailed for Britain. "Everyone enjoyed it so much we are going to make it an annual event." The winner's trophy is a wooden gavel, says Bonham — not to be confused with a wooden spoon.



"Good grief, we can't all be utility bosses"

● *A reader has spotted what he believes may be the first sell-by date of the new millennium in Sainsbury's. He picked up a can of Red Sail sardines in vegetable oil with "Best before end January 2000" on the tin.*

Radio waves

PETER SNOW, the animated Newsnight presenter, was back at Oxford University on Sunday, arms flailing frantically. He was there to play croquet against Esther Rantzen at the launch of Oxford Student Radio, the university's first radio station.

But so energetic were the frenzied swings of his warm-up on Magdalen College's croquet lawn, that Esther visibly blenched and refused to participate. Despite being team captain, she chose to lead from the sidelines, along with her husband, Desmond Wilcox.

"It's a very mean and vicious game. I didn't want to get involved," she said, leaving two undergraduates to take on Snow and his partner. "Peter was very strategic," reports my croquet correspondent. "He swung his mallet wildly and barked predictions as if it were election night."

Teamwork

THE FATHER and daughter partnership of the Earl of Lauderdale and Lady Olga Maitland is to break new political ground this evening. The Earl is to introduce his daughter's Bill on law and order to the House of Lords.

The Private Member's Bill, calling for tougher measures for prisoners who abscond, wasn't debated in the Commons for lack of time. "So I have given all my notes and speeches to my father," says Maitland. "I have been briefing him carefully and keeping him in whisky. He's 84, but he picks it all up much faster than I do."

Queue tips

HARD-UP students are doing their bit for the Rugby World Cup in South Africa, which kicks off next week. They are offering to queue for tickets on behalf of those who can't be bothered — for just over £2 an hour.

They have set up a body called Rent-a-Student, which is co-ordinating the queueing, but they are sufficiently aware of life on a student's income not to take any chances. All payments are demanded up front.

Soft spot

TIM ROTH is famous for playing thinking thugs in such films as *Reservoir Dogs*, and he remains true to type in *Rob Roy*, portraying one of the most unpleasant characters in celluloid history: the hero's venal enemy Montrose. But beneath the frills and powdered wig of the film beats the heart of a true family man.

This became evident at the £1 million party in Edinburgh Castle's shadow to celebrate the European première of the Highlands epic. It was the most lavish event the city had seen for ages, with brown trout flown in to fill tanks in the specially constructed dance floor. But Roth left his co-stars Liam Neeson, Jessica Lange and 300 journalists to it. "His wife Nikki is expecting a baby any day, and he decided he just couldn't risk leaving her for the party," said a friend.



Tim Roth: absent friends

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THE LOCAL NURSE

The Royal College risks a momentous step for a wrong cause

When nurses were given their own pay review body in 1983, it was in direct recognition of their pledge not to take industrial action. The Government agreed to accept the recommendations of the independent body as long as nurses, midwives and allied professions undertook in return not to go on strike. Sometimes the recommendations have been hard for ministers to swallow: but they have been implemented nonetheless. Yet today, at its annual congress, the Royal College of Nursing looks likely to take the momentous step of changing its constitution to allow for industrial action.

The nurses have chosen an odd pretext. They object to this year's pay review body recommendation, which suggests an increase of 1 per cent across the board plus an extra rise of between 0.5 and 2 per cent to be determined locally. The vast majority of nurses — around three-quarters so far — will receive the full 3 per cent, which is a bigger increase than doctors and many other public-sector workers will be offered.

The principle for which some nurses are prepared to sacrifice their long-held no-strike rule is that a nurse in Aberdeen should be paid the same as one in Aberystwyth or Aberford. Yet just because the health service is national does not mean that every employee in it has to be paid the same amount for the same grade. Its national character means rather that all British citizens have the right to healthcare that is free at the point of delivery, wherever they live. Already nurses accept the notion of a London weighting to recognise the higher costs of living in the capital. Why should not variations in costs be reflected in different salaries across the country, as they are in the private sector?

Almost all hospitals are now self-governing trusts. Yet 70 per cent of their costs are determined by pay, which until now has been outside their control. If they want to run themselves efficiently, they have to be able to allocate their budgets. To be able to set pay increases for nurses to reflect the local labour market makes eminent sense. It allows hospitals facing staff shortages to offer more than the going rate, encouraging nurses to move from areas where there is oversupply.

The nurses are also angry that some of the pay offers have been linked to changes in terms and conditions, especially on sick leave. Nursing is a stressful job, and is bound to produce its share of back injuries. Nurses should also be careful not to infect patients with their own illnesses. But it still seems suspicious that the average sickness rate in the NHS is 5 to 6 per cent, compared with 2 per cent at Nissan, the car manufacturer.

It also seems odd that some hospitals have a far higher absence rate than others, suggesting that a culture of absence exists. The cost to the average district general hospital of staff sickness is £1.4 million a year, according to a recent report by the Institute of Employment Studies. It is right that hospitals should try to restore some of that money to patient care.

Nurses are not well paid. Many of them could earn far more in other jobs. But, like most NHS employees, they accept low rates of pay because they are committed to their profession and to their patients. There may be an argument in good years for continuing to increase their pay in real terms. But there is no argument for resisting locally determined pay. If trusts are to work, they must have the power to pay whatever it takes to hire and retain a well motivated and efficient nursing team.

NOLAN'S LIMIT

A proper Tory answer is needed on constitutional changes

Lord Nolan and the members of his committee of inquiry into standards of public conduct seem to have enjoyed their period in the limelight. But the justly merited approval for the initial report seems to have emboldened its chairman into advertising his ambition to widen the remit of his committee — namely to conduct a full-scale investigation into the funding of British political parties. So far Lord Nolan has trodden a delicate path. He is now in danger of straying from it.

It is one thing to shore up public confidence in the probity of Westminster politics by conducting an inquiry into known abuses of the existing system. But the role of political finance and the individual's contribution are far greater constitutional issues. The Prime Minister is quite properly acting within his remit by suggesting that the Nolan committee should not run when it has barely waddled.

There is a distinction between a public investigation of allegations about abuses into the way we are governed and promotion of major constitutional developments in British political life. If the committee is to continue in the high esteem in which it has begun, it should mark that distinction with care.

For worse rather than better, Lord Nolan has put the Government into an embarrassing position. If the Prime Minister refuses to grant Nolan a referral over party political financing, Mr Major will be accused by his political opponents of a cover-up. If he acts precipitately, and caves in to pressure from Labour and the Liberal Democrats, Mr Major will put the Conservative Party, and more importantly, the liberties of British subjects, at the mercy of Nolan. The outcome will be far from certain.

Putting off Nolan, however, is not the same as putting off thought into the subject of political funding and other constitutional and institutional reforms. The state funding of political parties is no easy answer. The creation of a dependency culture among politicians could be as damaging as the dependency culture created by the welfare state.

One of the best results of Labour's modernisation under Tony Blair has been to regenerate party membership and replenish its coffers from voluntary contributions. In Britain's remarkably cheap electoral system, which precludes commercial political advertising on television, Labour is now matching the traditional party of business finance pound for pound on campaign expenditure.

The Conservative Party, which has neglected and sometimes downright offended its nominal supporters, should take note and rebuild its organisation. In the short term, the Tories should be less defensive and have the courage to come out fighting for the right of the individual to make a contribution to the party of his or her choice.

Over a longer period they may wish to extend the voluntarist principle in ways outlined by Michael Pinto-Duchinsky on the opposite page. But party financing is only one of several critical constitutional issues that need a proper response from the Conservative Party. Think-tanks sympathetic to Labour and the Liberal Democrats appear to be making all the running on constitutional reform. A proper Tory response is now required: "no" is not enough.

METRO MEMORIES

From Gants Hill to Revolution Square

The Moscow metro, ambiguous monument to both the cruel gigantism and heady grandeur of Stalin's Russia, celebrates its 60th birthday this week with the prospect of a much-needed wash and brush-up easing its first encounter with the capitalist market economy.

Like all great civic projects, the metro carries imprints of the history made around it. Its multifarious architecture records the bizarre swings of Soviet aesthetics, from the experiments of the Constructivists, who used complex theories of the spatial perception of the pedestrian in their designs, to the frivolous art-deco light fittings and stern socialist-realist friezes.

The precipitous staircases are also a reminder that the tunnels were hewn by slave labourers, many of whom lost their lives in the process. In the war, its cavernous spaces doubled as bomb shelters, and during the Cold War, dissidents used the silent stations at the end of the line as locations for exchanging *Samizdat* publications.

Now Russian capitalism is going underground — the metro is to play host to advertising, in return for companies agreeing to fund a massive spring-clean, including a rub-down of Lenin's grimy busts. The renovation is the idea of Yuri Luzhkov, the city's feisty Mayor, who wisely realises that the electorate is pining for a restoration of civic as well as national pride. Mr Luzhkov disdains the swirling rhetoric and gesture politics favoured by the new generation of Russian politicians and can be seen touring the city, urging workmen in the roundest of tones to speed up the construction of street lights on dangerous highways, tidy straggling grass verges and restore flaking façades. If it were down to Muscovites, he would be President tomorrow. The factor most likely to prevent that is the implacable hostility of the provinces to the capital and all its works.

Metro travellers frequently complain about how dirty and accident-prone it has become. It is true that its famously punctual service has, in the past few years, taken to resembling the more abstract arrival patterns of the London Underground, whose technology and design were the original inspiration for Stalin's engineers.

How fitting then, that Gants Hill, on the far eastern reaches of London's Central Line, should be seeking to twin with a stop on the Moscow metro. The Essex station has restored to its former glory its high barrel-vaulted ceiling, modelled on the Russian example to give the station a distinctive echo.

London commuters, facing their rising Travelcard bills, can but envy their Moscow counterparts. Despite price rises, the Moscow metro remains a cheap as well as a fascinating ride, conveying nine million passengers daily across the city's sprawl for the equivalent of 8p a ticket.

The new rich may turn up their noses at the rush-hour jostling and powerful scent of the masses in motion, preferring to be chauffeured around the city in ever-grander imported cars. But they too may soon be forced back to reassess the charms of the metro, courtesy of the latest unwelcome Western import — the mammoth traffic jam.

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Gains and losses of Terminal 5

From Sir Rocco Forte and others

Sir, The public inquiry into the proposed fifth terminal at Heathrow airport opens on Tuesday. It is our hope that it will be allowed to proceed in a calm and objective atmosphere, so that it can balance effectively both economic and environmental considerations. It is worrying to note that in recent months the environmental issues have been greatly exaggerated in the hothouse of public debate — to the detriment of the economic benefits.

We all recognise that a development of this scale will have an effect on the environment. However, there are proposals for improved public transport, including the privately funded Heathrow-Paddington express rail link which is currently being built. The terminal will be within the airport's boundaries; it will not require a third runway or additional night flights. It is reliably claimed that the overall noise climate is not expected to increase.

The economic benefits of Terminal 5 are well documented. For the local community 10,000 jobs will be safeguarded and 6,500 created, boosting a west London economy which is not overheating, as many would have us believe, but suffers from pockets of high unemployment.

For the country as a whole, Heathrow's position as the world's number one international airport will be enhanced, enabling it to continue to be a key driver of the national economy and to compete effectively with its rivals in Europe which are keen to win business from us in the UK.

It is vitally important that these, and many other arguments in favour of T5, are heard in an atmosphere which reflects the importance of this issue to the UK as a whole.

Yours sincerely,
ROCCO FORTE
(Chairman, Forte plc),
GEORGE J. BULL
(Group Chief Executive, Grand Metropolitan plc),
ANTHONY FULLER
(Chairman, Fuller Smith & Turner plc),
BRIAN HARRIS
(Senior Partner, Richard Ellis),
RUDOLF MUELLER
(Chairman, UBS Ltd),
BRYAN NICHOLSON
(Chairman, Bupa),
c/o London First,
Caxton House,
6 Tothill Street, SW1.
May 15.

From Mr W. G. Horn

Sir, In supporting a fifth terminal Sir Colin Marshall, Chairman of British Airways, has stated (Business letters, May 11) that Heathrow will be losing an annual 30 million future passengers to its continental competitors in the coming years. He is quite right; but this loss will occur whether or not there is going to be a Terminal 5.

Our continental competitors have had the foresight to provide infrastructure for their airports in the form of TGV trains integrated with their airport terminals. BAA would be better advised to allocate the £2 billion earmarked for Terminal 5 to a crash programme of rail construction connecting Heathrow and Stansted with the Channel Tunnel and the north of England.

That is also more likely to safeguard jobs at Heathrow and dividends for BAA shareholders than Terminal Five.

Yours faithfully,
W. G. HORN,
De Berkenhof, Gorelands Lane,
Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.
May 11.

Industry beckons

From Mr A. S. Philip

Sir, Professor Secker (letter, May 12) thinks that educating the public about the crucial role of engineering will generate social prestige for the engineering profession.

I fear that he constructs a naive equation between prestige and crucial work.

Prestige, by derivation a delusion or tricks (praestigiae), will I suspect always be more readily attached to those who deal directly with people rather than via intermediary technology.

Perhaps engineers should settle for simple recognition of professional ability and seek prestige in more soulful activities outside work.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER S. PHILIP
(Chartered engineer),
Holly House,
Highland Road,
Wimborne, Dorset.
May 12.

Dressing the part

From Mrs Sarah Crossing

Sir, I can only assume that, from what I saw during VE-Day weekend, English national dress [letters, May 8, 11, 13, 15] is tight running shorts, a bare fat belly and flip-flops.

Yours faithfully,
SARAH CROSSING,
The Station, White Lane,
Ash Green, Aldershot, Hampshire.

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Motorway traffic flow and vehicle pollution on trial

From the Minister for Local Transport and Road Safety

Sir, Peter Millar's article, "Dr Mawhinney's motorway madness" (May 9), assumes erroneously that the speed limit trial due to start shortly on the M25 is a knee-jerk reaction to traffic pollution and will only serve to slow traffic down unnecessarily.

Although motorways are there to move vehicles around the country more quickly, on some of them drivers are just as likely to find themselves stationary or crawling along at 20mph as speeding in the outside lane.

The purpose of this trial is to reduce speed limits before traffic builds up so drivers can travel at a more consistent speed and get to their destinations more quickly.

There should be fewer accidents and less fuel consumption and pollution, while journey times are expected to become more reliable.

As traffic flow builds up on the M25, sensors will trigger the system to set signals first to 60mph, and then if the flow continues to increase, to 50mph. By staying in lane and obeying the speed limits, drivers will find that they have a safer, less stressful journey, that traffic will flow in a more even way, and that their journey times are more predictable.

Obviously no system, even one as technologically advanced as this, can cope with major incidents or accidents. But in general, we expect that the system will make driving on the M25 much easier and safer for drivers.

Yours faithfully,
STEVEN NORRIS,
Department of Transport,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
May 12.

From Mr Les Graham

Sir, Peter Millar's article on motorway madness is based on an erroneous assumption, notably that reducing the speed of traffic, and therefore increasing journey times, increases pollution. He suggests that travelling at 75mph will create less pollution than at 50mph.

In fact, not only will travelling at a steady 75mph create much more pollution, but the ripple effect in congested traffic travelling at higher speed will cause a greater amount of braking and acceleration. This will also add significantly to the amount of pollution created.

Yours faithfully,
LES GRAHAM,
1 Grangewood Crescent,
Dundonald, Belfast.
May 9.

From Mr Harley Sherlock

Sir, Peter Millar is right. Cars are certainly "among the biggest atmospheric polluters in Britain today".

And there is indeed no point in attempting to curb pollution by "building motorways the length and breadth of our supposedly green and pleasant land, if you then force people to drive on them more slowly than they may currently do on country B-roads".

It is high time that we, instead, take seriously the Government's stated policy of reducing the need to travel, and that we stop building ever more roads to accommodate ever more traffic — whatever its speed.

Yours faithfully,
HARLEY SHERLOCK,
13 Alwyne Place, N1.
May 10.

From the Head of Policy, Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders

Sir, As your leader (May 11) rightly points out, air pollution is a matter which concerns us all, not least the motor industry. However, laying all the blame on motor vehicles and those who use them is, in our view, rather misplaced.

The considerable efforts — not to mention success — of the industry in combating the problems so far also needs to be recognised.

First, most recent reports on the correlation between motor vehicle pollution and asthma have concluded that the disease is not caused by vehicle exhaust even though the condition may be aggravated by it.

Second, vehicle pollution is mostly an urban problem. Limiting speeds and traffic flow on motorways or in the open countryside is unlikely to have much effect. In 1993 tight controls were introduced for the fitment of catalysts to all new cars. As from next year, new vehicles throughout the EC will have to meet emission controls equivalent to US federal standards with still tougher regulations four or five years later.

Total emissions from all cars have fallen considerably since the peak year of 1990 and will continue to do so for the next 15-20 years in the face of the most extravagant forecasts of increase in car ownership and use.

The best way to speed this process will be to accelerate the replacement of older heavily-polluting vehicles, such as urban-operated buses and poorly maintained cars which do not have catalyst exhaust systems. Better and more affordable public transport could also play a part.

Yours faithfully,
MIKE HOLLINGSWORTH,
Head of Policy,
The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders,
Forbes House, Halkin Street, SW1.
May 11.

From the Director and Chief Executive of the British Road Federation

Sir, Nick Nuttall, your Environment Correspondent ("Smog shroud over nation", May 6), claims that the higher density of motorway traffic in this country reflects higher levels of car use. Surely the greater levels of traffic on our motorways simply reflect the far more extensive networks of high-standard roads enjoyed by most of our West European competitors.

Germany, for example, is about 50 per cent larger than Britain in land area but has a motorway network three and half times longer. And under the current plans of the British and German Governments that disparity will grow larger over the next decade.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD DIMENT,
Director and Chief Executive,
British Road Federation,
Pillar House,
194-202 Old Kent Road, SE1.
May 9.

Breast cancer statistics 'not valid'

From Sir Reginald Murley

Sir, I was dismayed to learn from your report of May 9, headed "Breast cancer units 'failing to save hundreds' ", that the Government's Chief Medical Officer has "cited research showing that survival rates for women treated in specialist units were almost 9 per cent higher after five years and more than 7 per cent higher after ten years".

I feel bound to point out that I know of no *valid* published evidence to show any such difference in survival rates between strictly comparable breast cancer patients treated in different kinds of hospital unit.

Doctors and medical scientists with a clear understanding of cancer statistics have known for more than forty years that published survival figures are profoundly influenced by case selection and by the method of case "staging" (classification) used; they are very little influenced by the precise methods of treatment. Selection of case results and statistics can, and does, produce differences in survival figures which are more apparent than real.

Careful and detailed analysis of breast cancer survival figures which include every case diagnosed (and not simply those in selected treatment groups) fails to give any support to the claims which you report.

I am appalled to think of all the unfortunate women and their loved ones whose confidence in their hospitals and specialists may have been seriously undermined by these claims.

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD MURLEY
(President, Royal College of Surgeons, 1977-80),
Cobden Hill House,
63 Cobden Hill,
Radlett, Hertfordshire.
May 10.

Science tests

From Professor D. D. Burgess

Sir, As a physicist who has been coaching his 14-year-old son for the national standard assessment tests, I support strongly Professor Harold Thimbleby's letter (May 10). I too have been appalled to find the "scatter-gun" collection of "facts" designed for one-word answers that make up the science curriculum and attainment targets at this level. The "official" revision material asserts simple "facts" which are not only arid in their isolation but, in some cases, wrong.

Science has made the modern world, pretty well lock, stock and barrel. But it has been the scientific way of thinking that has done so — not the ability as seemingly required in the national curriculum to regurgitate at 14 the icon used in a circuit diagram to represent a NOR, AND, or NAND gate without the foggiest idea of how they are made or what they are for.

One area of the national curriculum, and one group of teachers, does seem to have achieved the ability to teach, link, and discuss complex ideas in depth, developing them with project work, and to do so with enthusiasm and passion. These are the historians.

A single project my son did at age 13 on the technology of trench-warfare in World War One probably taught him more about how to think logically and scientifically than all the national curriculum "science" lessons yet.

Perhaps we should abandon science "fact" in schools entirely, insert at the same length the subject of "scientific history, thought and method" and let working scientists teach the necessary details of scientific technique from a university base as a pre-undergraduate course?

Yours sincerely,
DAVID BURGESS,
45 Chiswick Staithe,
Hartington Road, W4.
May 11.

From Dr E. F. J. Garcia

Sir, Professor Thimbleby is misguided in criticising the national curriculum science tests for their emphasis on factual recall.

Scientific knowledge is a prerequisite of meaningful creative work in science as well as being an end in itself. Imaginative thinking in a scientific context must be underpinned by a firm comprehension of one's subject. The tests encourage pupils to acquire this.

Yours sincerely,
ERNEST GARCIA
(Head of Biology),
George Abbot School,
Woodruff Avenue,
Guildford, Surrey.
May 10.

Kashmir conflict

From the High Commissioner for Pakistan

Sir, While India wishes the world to believe that it is Pakistan which is behind all that is wrong in Kashmir, it is equally sad that your newspaper also plays its tune (reports, May 10, 11, 12; leading article, May 10).

Pakistan has been consistently calling the world's attention to the sense of alienation of Kashmiris who are fighting for their freedom, against heavy odds posed by the Indian military might.

Isn't it pertinent to ask why India has deployed about half a million troops in an area which is not even half the size of Britain; why India is reluctant to let the Kashmiris decide their own destiny; and why India has failed so far even in holding any credible elections?

If the past is any reminder, in 1987 only 3 per cent of Kashmiris turned out to vote. India knows full well that in the given situation elections simply cannot be held.

The West should seriously ponder as to what is wrong in Kashmir and what should be done to end the ongoing bloodshed.

Yours sincerely,
WAJID SHAMSUL HASAN,
High Commission of Pakistan,
36 Lowndes Square, SW1.
May 12.

Hitler's death

From Mr R. W. Leon

Sir, As the first man on our side to learn the facts about Hitler's death (Mr Hugh Thomas's letter, May 11) may I report what I heard, in the first week of May 1945, from Hitler's press attaché, who had newly left the bunker bearing Hitler's will concealed on him.

Heinz Lorentz told me of the facts about Hitler's marriage to Eva Braun and their joint suicide. Later, as commander of an interrogation team, I had the facts corroborated from others who were present in the bunker. Hitler's secretary said that before going to his room to kill himself, all his personal staff lined up, and Hitler went down the line shaking hands and saying goodbye.

Quite apart from the evidence of dozens of those present, there was a very good reason why Hitler could not have left the bunker to escape retribution. His health had completely given way. He was in his fifties, but looked in his seventies.

His doctor had since January 1943 given him injections both to sleep and to awaken the following morning. He was a sick man addicted to these strong sedatives and pep drugs. He could not have lasted a day without them.

The story of a substitute taking Hitler's and Eva's place is ridiculous, and as easily disproved as the story that the Holocaust never happened. Both stories belong in the same category and cannot stand up to investigation.

Yours truly,
R. W. LEON,
Wood Close, 19 Buccleuch Road,
Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset.
May 11.

Language barrier

From Mr Yakov Berger

Sir, I am puzzled as to which particular tongue Professor Norman Stone has in mind when he states that Yalta and Malta rhyme ("Inquest on the evil empire", Books, May 11).

They seem not to do so in English. Even more resolutely, they do not do so in Russian, phonetically or politically.

Yours sincerely,
YAKOV BERGER,
174 Plum Lane, SE18.
May 12.

Health hazard

From Mr Neil Waller

Sir, Lord Brightman's problems of how to wash off the water he has used to remove the water (letter, May 12) should be tackled thus:

Sluice the water-affected area with dehydrated water. Copious amounts of this expensive fluid are to be found between the top of the liquid and the brim of the glass of the beer served in most hostelries.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL C. WALLER,
Wensley, Mwtshwr Lane,
St Dogmaels,
Cardigan, Dyfed.
May 12.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 15: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the Paul Bevan House Day Hospice, Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, and was received by Sir William Benyon (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire), the President, Paul Bevan Macmillan Appeal (Captain the Hon Sir Nicholas Beaumont) and the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (Councillor Dennis Outwin).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the building, escorted by the Chairman, Paul Bevan Cancer Foundation (Dr Geoffrey Cook) and the Senior Nurse in Charge (Mrs Stella Dillon), and met those connected with the Hospice and members of staff and patients.

The Queen subsequently unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty, Patron and President, and His Royal Highness later visited the Berkshire Branch of the British Red Cross Society, Ascot, and were received by the President of the Branch (Mrs Margaret Blackburn).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh viewed various aspects of the charity's work and met those involved.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Sir Kenneth Scott and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Miller of Hendon (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Departure of The Duke of Kent for the United States of America and bade farewell to His Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 15: The Prince Edward, Trustee, this morning received the new tractor for the show trailer on behalf of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Iveco Ford Truck, Langley, Berkshire. Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 15: The Princess Royal this morning arrived at Villacoublay Military Airfield, Paris, and was received by the Minister of the British Embassy (the Hon Michael Pakenham).

Her Royal Highness visited the Hertford British Hospital, Levallois Perret, Paris.

The Princess Royal this afternoon attended a Luncheon given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the French Republic at the Residence, rue du Faubourg St Honoré.

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited the Riding School for the Blind, l'École Militaire, Paris.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, later attended the celebration of the Centenary of the British Insitute in Paris at the rue de Constantine.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 15: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (ASBAH), was present this afternoon at a Reception to launch the START Assessment Service, House of Commons, London SW1.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Women Caring Trust, was present this evening at the annual House of Lords v House of Commons Charity Swim, Hurlingham Club, Ranelagh Gardens, London SW6.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 15: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon left London Heathrow for Seattle, Washington State, the United States of America.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.J. Ashton-Johnson and Mrs C.E. Ferrand
The engagement is announced between Philip Ashton-Johnson, of East Orchard, Dorset, and Claire Ferrand, née Bingley, of Burley, Rutland. The marriage will take place quietly in August.

Mr M.D. Condon and Miss K.M. Parviz
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr Mark Condon and Mrs Susan Condon, of Chico, California, and Katia, younger daughter of Mr P.A. Parviz, of Rancho Santa Fe, California, and Mrs Susan Parviz, of London.

Mr S.C. Lyall and Mrs N.L. Krag
The engagement is announced between Scott, son of Mr and Mrs J. Lyall, of Brisbane, and Natalie, daughter of Mrs V. Thomson, of Badsey, Worcestershire.

Mr R.J. MacAlister and Miss J.A. Farthing
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr Roy MacAlister and of the late Mrs Patricia MacAlister, of Stocksfield, Northumberland, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Farthing, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Marriages

Mr R.J.M. Bendle and Miss C.M. Williams
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 6, in Somerset, between Mr Roderick J.M. Bendle, of Bristol, and Miss Clare Mary Williams, of Catcott.

Mr A.D. Keil and Miss D. Rusova
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 6, at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby, Northampton, between Mr Alistair Duncan Keil, son of Mr and Mrs C. Keil, of Solihull, and Miss Daina Rusova, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.D. Rusovs, of Basingstoke. The Rev M. Ryall officiated.

A reception was held at Castle Ashby.



One of nearly 3,000 hand-coloured plates published by John Gould, who turned ornithology into an industry. None was actually executed by him.

Bird books may sell for £1.2m

By Jim McCue

JOHN GOULD knew his subject so well that the animal painter Edwin Landseer remarked: "He must have been a bird before he became a man." Proclaiming ornithology a science, Gould made it an industry. He gave Darwin some of the vital clues for evolution, imported the first live "betcherrygahs" — bringing Victorian London its favourite cage-bird, the budgie — and had his own display at the Great Exhibition. Yet none of the 2,999 highly naturalistic hand-coloured plates published under his name was executed by him. After coming to notice by stuffing George IV's giraffe, Gould took advantage of his age's heroic appetite for discovering and documenting. He named 328 species of Australia's birds, and remains the ultimate authority on them (in eight volumes), yet had time to corner the kangaroo and mammal market too, issuing a further 212 plates. Bonham's, the auctioneers, have some 40 folios of his work, collected by the late Geoffrey Williams of Guernsey. This remarkably complete run is to be sold on June 28, during the week of the London Antiquarian Bookfair. The copies are in especially fine condition, and should fetch more than £1.2 million.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Rosemary Bates, Assistant Priest, St Peter w St James, Brackley (Peterborough): to be Priest-in-charge, North Hinksey and Wytham (Oxford).

The Rev Canon Colin Bevington, Diocesan Ecumenical Officer and Adviser on Mission, Mission Team Leader and County Ecumenical Officer (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Bishop's Chaplain, same diocese, and remain Diocesan and County Ecumenical Officer and Mission Team Leader.

The Rev Stephen Bishop, Curate, Syston Team Ministry: to be Curate, St Dionysius, Market Harborough (Leicester).

The Rev Harry Boreham, Vicar, Saints Peter and Paul w St Andrew and St Nicholas, Felixstowe, and Chaplain to the Felixstowe General Hospital: to be also Chaplain to The Bartlet Hospital, Felixstowe (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev David Boyes: to be an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Church of St James, Bury St Edmunds (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Victor Bullock, Team Curate, Cowley Team Ministry: to be Assistant Curate, St Giles, Reading (Oxford).

The Rev Eric Dore, Curate, Burgess Hill St Andrew: to be Rector, Frant w Eridge (Chichester).

The Rev Geoffrey Driver, Curate, Selsey: to be Vicar, Cowfold (Chichester).

The Rev Paul Dunthorne, Curate, Heacham and Sedgeford (Norwich): to be Curate, Eastbourne Holy Trinity (Chichester).

The Rev Toby Forward: permission to officiate, diocese York: to be Vicar, St Alban, Kingston upon Hull (York).

The Rev Stephen Hardaker, Rector, Duncton, Tillington and Up Waltham: to be Team Vicar, Crawley (Chichester).

The Rev Roger Harley, Vicar, Croydon Holy Saviour (Southwark): to be Vicar, Forest Row (Chichester).

The Rev David Hawthorn, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Middlesbrough: to be Priest-in-charge, St Mark and St Peter Ad Vincula, Thornaby on Tees (York).

The Rev Keith Kinnaird, Rector, Radley and Sunningwell (Oxford): to be Vicar, Shoreham New and Shoreham Old (Chichester).

The Rev Keith McNicol, Curate, All Saints, Whitstable (Canterbury): to be Vicar, Ferring (Chichester).

The Rev Paula Oxley, Honorary Curate, Birstall and Wanlip: to be Honorary Curate, Christ the King, Beaumont Leys (Leicester).

The Rev George Parrott: to be Priest-in-charge, Fincham w Marham, Shouldham and Shouldham Thorpe (Ely).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Canon Gervase Babington, Rector, Walesby group of parishes (Lincoln): to retire from May 12, to be appointed Canon Emeritus of Lincoln Cathedral.

The Rev George Martin, Vicar, Partney (Lincoln): to retire as from July 30.

The Rev Canon David Tann, Vicar, St James, Dudley, Rural Dean of Dudley and Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral: St to retire as from May 31.

Prebendary Clive Moore, Rector, South Petherton w the Seavingtons (Bath and Wells): to retire as from April 30.

The Rev Lyn Morris, Rector, Queen Camel w West Camel, Corton Denham, Sparkford, Weston Bampfylde and Sutton Montis (Bath and Wells): to retire as from July 31.

School news

Eton College
The following boys have been elected to King's Scholarships:
J.D.J. Nelcho (The Hall School), C.B. Lucas (St Ronan's), T.J.B. Studd (Westminster Under School & Eton), J.T.E.H. Paget (Aberdour), G.T.C. Kot (Milbourne Lodge), T.R.F. Fulford-Jones (Colet Court), J.F. Adams (Maidwell Hall), N.K. Rice (Newland House), V. Kashyap (Milbourne Lodge), S.A. Randall (Edge Grove), M.W.S. Richards (Summer Fields), R.W. Style (Elstree), F.E. Turner (Summer Fields), T.M. Part (Caldicott).
The following boys have qualified for the title Oppidan Scholar:
D.N.J. Ruck Keene (Summer Fields), R.G.S. Brockman (Northbourne Park), M.L. Souag (Desborough School), M.K. Dyer (Abberley Hall), J.A.H. Parry (Summer Fields), E.W. Gowan (Summer Fields).
The Annah Shaw Scholarship: A.C. Harris (Milbourne Lodge).

Tonbridge School
The following Scholarships have been awarded:
Academic Scholarships (in order of merit)
1. (Ainslie Scholar) Daniel May, The New Beacon; 2. Edmund Wethered, Woodcote House; 3. Alexander Kershaw, St Ronan's; 4. Leon Ho, Milbourne Lodge; 5. James Rogers, Dulwich College Preparatory School, Dulwich; 6. Alastair Richards, Holmewood House; 7. Simon Mendoza, Holmewood House; 8. Peter Jones, Hilden Grange; 9. David Sherwin, Aldro; 10. Charles Mileville, Lambrook; 11. Anthony Joy, The New Beacon, and Tonbridge School; 12. Lieven Simon, Yardley Court, and Tonbridge School; 13. Thomas Herington, Dulwich College Preparatory School, Cranbrook; 14. Christopher Angus, Yardley Court; 15. Peter Scott, Downsend; 16. Jonathan Day, The New Beacon; 17. Alexander Fabre, Temple Grove with St Nicholas; 18. Per Griffiths, Eagle House; 19. Nicholas Redman, Hilden Grange; 20. Jonathan Atkinson, Cumnor House, Danehill.
Music Scholarships (in alphabetical order)
Rupert Collingwood, St Edmund's Junior School; Jonathan Day, The New Beacon; Alexander Goodman, St John's College School; Peter Jones, Hilden Grange; Simon Lloyd, Solefield; Edward MacLaren, Brambletye, and Tonbridge School; Graham Roberts, Westminster Cathedral Choir School; David Sherwin, Aldro.
Art Scholarships (in alphabetical order)
Thomas Herington, Dulwich College Preparatory School, Cranbrook; Alexander Wilson, Rose Hill.
Tonbridge School is a registered charity which exists for the education of boys.

Meetings

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Donald Norfolk, osteopath, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's.

Commonwealth Society for the Deaf
Mr Christopher Holborow, Chairman of the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf, presided at the annual meeting held yesterday at Marlborough House. Mr Tony Baldry, MP, also spoke.

Luncheons

Mid Atlantic Club and the English-Speaking Union
Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Chairman of the Commission on Social Justice, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Mid Atlantic Club and the English-Speaking Union held yesterday at Dartmouth House.

East Africa Association
Mr Peter Pooley was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the East Africa Association held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's, after the annual meeting.

Service dinner

RAF Club Dining Society
Mrs Valerie Strachan, Chairman of HM Customs and Excise, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Royal Air Force Club Dining Society held last night at the club. Wing Commander W.A. Beaumont, president of the society, presided and Air Vice-Marshal P. Dodworth also spoke. During the dinner Flight Lieutenant R.F.H. Goebel presented a President's Gavel to the society.

Dinners

Chatham Dining Club
Sir Richard Evans was the principal guest at a dinner of the Chatham Dining Club held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Mr Adam Lee presided.

Inter-Parliamentary Union
The Lord Chancellor, Honorary President of the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and Lady Mackay of Clashfern, with Dame Jill Knight, MP, chairman, were the hosts at a dinner held last night at Lancaster House in honour of a Parliamentary Delegation from the Russian Federation, led by Mr Vladimir F. Shumeiko, Chairman of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly.

Athenaeum
Professor P.O. Wolf was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Professor A.M. Neville was in the chair.

Royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, will attend a service in Westminster Abbey at 6.00 to mark the 50th anniversary of Christian Aid.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Captain General Royal Marines, will visit the Royal Marines Museum, Eastney, Portsmouth, at 10.30; will open the Headquarters Royal Marines at *HMS Excellent* at 11.20 followed by an all ranks luncheon for Royal Naval and Royal Marine personnel; and, as Admiral of the Fleet, will visit Royal Naval facilities in *HMS Excellent* at 2.00.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Turning Point, will visit the Glasgow Drug Crisis Centre, 123 West Street, at 10.50; and as patron will attend a luncheon at the Royal Scottish Automobile Club, 11 Blythswood Square, at noon to mark the opening of Turning Point's services in Scotland.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Association of Prison Visitors, will attend the annual meeting and conference at the Abbey Community Centre, 34 Great Smith Street, London, at 10.30; as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will open the Maldon Carers Centre, Brickhouse Farm, Marlowe Close, Maldon, Essex, at noon; will open the new headquarters of MK Electric, Basildon, at 1.20; and will open the new headquarters of PMS International Basildon at 2.35.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the East Midlands Tourist Board, will visit tourist sites in Lincolnshire; and, as Trustee of the British Museum, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will attend a New World gala evening at the museum at 8.00.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will attend the International Social Service of Great Britain's spring fair at Kensington Town Hall at 4.45.

Reception

Repton School
The Duchess of Devonshire unveiled a plaque to mark the official opening on Friday evening of Repton School's new Indoor Swimming Pool. A reception was held in the Tanyard Sports Complex with exhibition games and athletics on the all weather track and Sporturf, and also in the Sports Hall and Indoor Tennis Courts.

Hot Mikado Celebrity Gala

A Celebrity Gala of the new musical Hot Mikado will be held at the Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W1, on Thursday, May 18, at 8.00pm, followed by a Gala Supper in the Empire Napoleon Suite of the Café Royal. Some joint Gala and Supper tickets at £70 are available. Please telephone the Gala Office: 0171 240 4919.

Parade

Formation of 2nd/51st (Kabul 1842) Battery RA
A parade was held on April 29 to mark the formation of 19 Regiment's third regular gun battery, 2nd/51st (Kabul 1842) Battery RA. General Sir Martin Farndale, KCB, the Master Gunner St James's Park, reviewed the parade.

Appointment

Professor Patrick Bateson, FRS, has been appointed a member of the Museums and Galleries Commission.

Birthdays today

Canon Reginald Askew, former Dean, King's College London, 67; Mrs Rosie Barnes, director, Birthright, 49; Mr Stuart Bell, MP, 57; Mr Phil Clarke, rugby league player, 24; Sir Colin Cole, former Garter Principal King of Arms, 73; Mr Don Concannon, former MP, 65; Miss Judy Finnigan, broadcaster, 47; Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman, TSB Group, 61; Mr James Hood, MP, 47; Mr Roy Hudd, comedian, 59; Sir Dawda Jawara, former President of The Gambia, 71; Mr Geraint Jones, organist, 78; Mr Christian Lacroix, fashion designer, 44; Major-General Sir Desmond Langley, 65; Professor Peter Levi, poet and archaeologist, 64; Mr David Maclean, MP, 42; Mr John McWilliam, MP, 54; Mr Stephen Maran, chief executive, Lloyds Abbey Life, 55; Professor K.O. Morgan, Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales, 61; Professor Gareth Roberts, Vice-Chancellor, Sheffield University, 55; Miss Gabriela Sabatini, tennis player, 25; the Right Rev Kenneth Skelton, former Bishop of Lichfield, 77; Mr Nigel Twiston-Davies, racehorse trainer, 38; Mr John Walford, former president, Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, 68; General Sir Antony Walker, 61; Sir Charles Wilson, former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow University, 86; Sir Russell Wood, former Deputy Treasurer to The Queen, 73.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Dudley North, financier, London, 1641; John Sell Cotman, landscape painter, Norwich, 1782; Friedrich Rückert, poet, Schweinfurt, Germany, 1788; David Hughes, pioneer of telephony, London, 1831; Richard Tauber, tenor, Linz, 1892; Henry Fonda, actor, Grand Island, Nebraska, 1905; Woody Herman, musician, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1913; Liberace, pianist, West Allis, Wisconsin, 1919.

DEATHS: Pietro da Cortona, painter and architect, Rome, 1669; Charles Perrault, collector of fairy stories, Paris, 1703; Daniel Solander, botanist, London, 1782; Jean Baptiste Fourier, mathematician, paris, 1830; Felicia Hemans, poet, Dublin, 1835; Sir Edmund Gosse, critic, London, 1928; William Pember Reeves, New Zealand statesman, London, 1932; Bronislaw Malinowski, anthropologist, New Haven, Connecticut, 1942.

The Kentucky Derby was first run at Louisville, 1875.

The first film Oscars were presented in Los Angeles, 1929.

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BIRTHS

BATESON - On May 12th, to Diane (née Thompson) and Richard, a daughter, Victoria Mary, a sister for Katherine.

BENNET - On 11th May, at Ealing Hospital, to Jenny (née Caldwell) and Peter (John), a daughter, Lucy Rosalind, a sister for Tom and Andrew.

BLUNSEN - On May 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Philip and Rosanne, a beautiful daughter, Gabriella, a sister for Anthony.

CALDWELL - See Bennet.

CARVER - On Thursday 11th May, to Susan (née Graham) and John, a son, Henry Paul (Harry).

COLLETT - On May 7th, to Tiana (née Peck) and Alastair, a son, Aidan Anthony Calvert.

COLLINGS - On 1st May, to Amanda (née Maine-Tucker) and Matthew, a son, Oscar Neville Burkinshaw.

COOMBS - Benjamin Adam, born at The Portland Hospital to Carrie (Kanslick) and Byron - a brother for Michael - on May 8th.

DIFFEY - On 14th May at the Wellington Hospital, to Helma and Neville, a son, Matthew George Anthony.

DUBETZ - On May 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Victoria and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Alissa Lauren, a little sister for David.

GILLIBRAND - On May 15th, to Sarah (née Garnett) and Nick, a son, William Francis, a brother for Olivia and Hugo.

GORDON CUMMING - On May 2nd, to Louise (née Clifton-Brown) and Alastair, a daughter, Sophie.

HOLLAND-HIBBERT - On May 11th, to Kate (née Ropner) and Henry, a daughter, Isabel, a sister for Rosie and Tom.

JONES - On 23rd April, in Calgary, Alberta, to Colleen (née Dunnill) and Arthian, a daughter, Tegen Elosha.

MEGHEN - On May 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Amanda (née Dimmock) and David, a son, Rory, a brother for John.

MIALL - On May 12th, at The Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, to Sue (née McKay) and Mark, a daughter, Hannah.

MIESEN - On 10th May 1995 at Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, Australia to Marita (née Patterson of Swan Hill) and Paul, a daughter - Annika.

POPPLETON - On May 3rd, to Sarah (née Armes) and Antony, a daughter, Eve Francesca, a sister to Ellen.

RATCLIFFE - On May 13th, to Sophie (née Yerburgh) and Richard, a son, Edmund Henry Yerburgh, a brother for Oscar.

RIACH - On May 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Bentley) and Colin, a beautiful daughter, Elizabeth - 8lbs 1oz.

RUCK - On 6th May 1995, to Ruth (née Macdonell) and Andrew, a daughter, Margaret Gillian, a sister to Sarah.

SCHRODER - On May 8th, to Ellen (née Laskey) and Timothy, a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, a sister for Charlotte and Benjamin.

SIMPSON - To Susan (née Parkes) and Mark, a daughter, Heather Louise, on 8th May, a sister to Jonathan.

SMILG - On May 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Ruth (née Benjamin) and Jeremy, a son, Julian Benjamin Michael.

STUART - Gretchen and Nigel announce with great joy the birth of their daughter Jamie Le Fanu on 13th May at Parkland Hospital, Dallas.

SUNNUCKS - On May 3rd, to Karen and Andrew, a daughter, Emma Florence.

UMNEY - On April 6th, to Lydia (née Malim) and Nicholas, a daughter, Georgina Alice Daisy, a sister for Michael.

WARD - On May 8th, to Julie (née Marshall) and Simon, a son, James Ashley.

WARRINGTON - To Stephen and Catherine (née Holbrook), a son, James Alexander, on 12th May 1995.

MARRIAGES

CATHCART:ÜSTÜN - In Ankara, Turkey, on 6th May 1995, Alasdair, son of Harry and Grace Cathcart, Kilcreggan, Scotland, to Nurcan, daughter of Hüseyin and Gülistan Üstün, Ankara.

DEATHS

AREZINA - Mile, our gardener at Radley College, Abingdon, for over 40 years died peacefully on 12th May 1995.

BARKER - On May 12th 1995, John, aged 80 years, of Tavistock, Devon. Husband of Peggy, father of Sue, grandfather of Louise and Harriet and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Eustachius Church, Tavistock, on Thursday May 18th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to the Rotary Club of Tavistock Charitable Trust Fund c/o Morris Bros., 1 Drake Road, Tavistock.

BATES - On Saturday May 13th 1995, peacefully in The Cromwell Hospital, London and after a long illness, Hilda aged 89 years. Much loved mother of David, mother-in-law of Elizabeth and grandmother of Andrew. Hilda will also be greatly missed by her many friends. Service at St Nicholas Church, Remenham on Friday May 19th at 11.15am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations please, if desired, to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, c/o The Treasurer, The Orchards, Gallowstree Common, South Oxon RG4 9BB.

BESLEY - On May 11th 1995, peacefully at his home in Woodham, after a brief illness, Captain Bryan Philip, aged 71. Much loved father of Stephen. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday May 22nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation c/o F.W. Chitty & Co., 46 Elmgrove Road, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8PB. tel: (01932) 842220.

BLAXTER - On 24th April at home, Roger, much loved son of Phyl and brother of David. Sadly missed by family and friends. The cremation has taken place in accordance with his wishes. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London.

BROWNING - On May 10th 1995, in West Suffolk Hospital, Rosemary (Pom), widow of George, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St James Church, Icklingham, at 2 pm on Friday May 19th followed by private cremation. No flowers, if desired, donations to British Deaf Association c/o A.E. Thurlow & Son, 1 High Street, Ixworth, Suffolk IP31 2HH.

CARTER - On May 14th, suddenly in King's College Hospital, Jane (Dorothy), international energy consultant, beloved wife of Nick, mother of Nicola and Miranda, grandmother of Alice and Matthew. Funeral private, family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to King's College Hospital. Memorial Service to be announced shortly.

CASTILLEJO - Leonardo (Professor of Physics), died at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, on May 11th 1995, following a stroke on May 7th 1995. He will be very sadly missed by all who knew him. A private service will be held on Friday May 19th 1995. Any enquiries to Green & Co., 21 High Street, Eynsham, Oxford, tel: (01865) 880837.

DAVIES - On May 14th 1995, peacefully, Margaret Bleecher (Peggy née Waymouth) aged 91, widow of W.J.A. Davies, loved mother of Pamela and Michael, loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral private.

DUDLYKE - On May 12th peacefully at home at Berkhamsted, Gareth (Gus) aged 64. Beloved and loving husband of Margaret, dear father of David and Graham, and a loyal friend. Funeral Service on Friday May 19th at Wigginton Parish Church at 2 pm. Flowers or donations to British Diabetic Association c/o Malcolm Jones & Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 1AH. tel: (01442) 864548.

FLEMING SMITH - On Thursday May 11th, peacefully at her own home, Susan, beloved wife of the late Edward Fleming Smith and dearly loved mother of Sarah, stepmother of Robin, Anthony and Pamela. Funeral Service will take place at Raughton Head Church on Wednesday May 17th at 12 noon followed by private cremation at Carlisle. Family flowers only but donations in lieu to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Michael Walsh Funeral Directors, 22 Newtown Road, Carlisle. tel: (01228) 514000.

FOREMAN - Marjorie Elizabeth of Clifford Road, New Barnet. Passed away peacefully in her sleep on 5th May 1995 aged 95 years. She will be sadly missed by all her relatives. Funeral Service at New Southgate Crematorium on Tuesday 16th May 1995 at 2 pm.

GLADHILL - On 11th May, peacefully at home in Biddenden, Kent, Arthur, dear husband, father and grandfather, after a long illness.

GOODMAN - Lord, peacefully on 12th May after a long illness. Private funeral. Details of the Service of Thanksgiving will follow shortly.

HARRISON - On 11th May 1995, Dennis Frederick, aged 76, of Bowdon, Cheshire. Beloved husband of Jacqueline, devoted father of Claire, Louise and the late Nicholas. Enquiries to K. Dewey (0161) 980-7010.

HEADRIDGE - On May 14th, Richard A., of Sollér, Majorca, passed peacefully away in Brighton after a long illness.

HENDERSON - On 14th May, Ruth Elizabeth, widow of Percy C. Henderson, aged 97. Beloved mother of Angela, Bernard, John and Gordon and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. R.I.P.

HENRIQUES - Susie, on May 13th. Adored wife of Michael. Much loved mother of Guy and Kate and grandmother of Francesca. Funeral Bibury Parish Church 3 pm Friday 19th May.

HODGSON - On May 12th, Margaret (Greta) Eleanora aged 93. Widow of George, stepmother to Bettie (Catherine Gilmour) and mother of Ruth (Niblett), David, Robin and Michael. Daughter of the late Sir Arthur and Lady Smith Woodward. Funeral at St Stephen's Church, Canterbury, on Friday May 19th at 2 pm.

HOLT - On 12th May 1995, peacefully in Fylde Coast Hospital, Harold aged 86 years (formerly of Princess Road, Bolton). The dearly loved husband of Kathleen, father of Simon and Nicholas, also a loving grandfather. Family flowers only please. Donations, if so desired, to Camphill Village Trust, Mourne Grange, Kilkeel, Northern Ireland. Service and committal to take place at Park Crematorium, Lytham, on Friday 19th May at 11.30am. All enquiries please to Hardmans Funeral Service, 117 St George's Road, Bolton, tel: (01204) 526464.

LECHMERE - On 13th May peacefully in The Chiltern Hospital, Great Missenden, Bucks., Harry Whitmore aged 85 years, wonderful husband of Eunice. A very happy man who loved to dance. Funeral Service at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks., on Friday 19th May at 12.30pm. Enquiries and flowers to Great Missenden Funeral Services, 106 High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0BE. tel: (01494) 863101.

LINDLEY - On May 14th, Sir Arnold Lewis George Lindley, dearly loved husband of Phyllis, dear father of Peter and Mary. Cremation private. Family flowers only please. Donations in his memory may be given to the Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BD.

MANNERS - Lady Maria passed away suddenly at her home Bretforton Hall, Worcestershire, Sunday May 14th 1995. Beloved wife of Dr. Sir Peter Guy Manners. Will be sadly missed. Funeral Service to take place on Monday 22nd May 1995 at 3.30 pm Cheltenham Crematorium. No flowers by request but donations, if desired, for The Bretforton Trust c/o W.E. Williams Funeral Directors, 30 Swan Lane, Evesham, Worcestershire WR11 4PD, telephone enquiries (01386) 446188.

MANSELL - On May 1st, suddenly at home, June, wife of the late Hugh, mother of Diane, Adrienne and Amanda. Funeral Service at Lavenham Church on Wednesday May 24th at 2pm. Flowers to W.A. Deacon, High Street, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk (Funeral Directors). Donations in lieu to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

MARTIN - Hilda "Billy" (née Lee) of Haslemere; dearly loved wife of Tom and mother of Charles and Robin. Peacefully 12th May 1995. Funeral at St Bartholomew's Haslemere, Wednesday 17th May 11 am.

MATTHEWS - On May 13th 1995, at his home at Cavendish, Thomas Stanley, aged 69 years, husband of Anne and father of Paul. Funeral Service at Cavendish Church, Suffolk, on Friday May 19th at 3.30pm.

MAXWELL-LEFROY - On 12th May 1995 at Flowerdown Nursing Home, Winchester, Cecil Anthony Maxwell-Lefroy C.B.E. General Manager Burmah Oil Company Rangoon 1954-1959. Requiem Mass at St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, on Monday 22nd May at 12.15pm. No flowers. Donations please to The University of Cambridge Centre of South Asian Studies c/o Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester. (01962) 844044.

NEWTON - On 14th May, suddenly, Matthew (Sam), very dear husband of Barbara and much loved father of Fraser and his wife Jill and granddaughters Evie and Claire. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Luke's Church, Goostrey, on Wednesday 24th May at 11am. No flowers, donations to the NSPCC, Goostrey Branch, Cheshire.

PILLEAU - On May 13th 1995, peacefully at Frimley Park Hospital, Philippa Mary, dearly beloved wife of David and mother of Marcus. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Frimley, on Monday May 22nd at 11.30 am. Enquiries to Ford Mears & Partners, Frimley, tel: (01276) 26665.

POTTER - On May 13th 1995, Kenneth Arthur Senior Potter F.I.A., at home. Devoted husband, father and grandfather. Requiem Mass at St George's Church, Taunton, 10.30 am Wednesday May 17th, followed by interment at Kingston St Mary. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to The Childrens' Hospice South West (Barnstaple).

POTTS - Wilfrid Mark Allinson (Priest) on 13th May peacefully in hospital in Winchester, aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Anne, father of Christopher, Hilary, Hugh and July, grandfather of ten. Sometime vicar of St John's Church, Harpenden and St Mary's Church, Carisbrooke. Funeral Service in Winchester Cathedral on Monday May 22nd at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral may be sent to A.H. Chester, Funeral Directors, Romsey.

SAVIDGE - On May 14th 1995, peacefully, Kathleen Joan Savidge, formerly Abbott (née Hart) in her 90th year. Dear mother of Susan, Jonathan and Stephen and a beloved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Clifton, Bristol, on Thursday 18th May at 3.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to N.S.P.C.C. c/o R. Davies & Son, 381 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 8TN.

SIBERRY - On 12th May 1995 at Kingston-upon-Thames Hospital, Surrey, after a short and sudden illness, Florence Jane (Flo), much loved wife of Bill, mother of Richard and Elizabeth and mother-in-law of Julia and cherished friend of many.

SPILLANE - On 12th May, Joan, beloved wife of the late Dr. J.D. Spillane, of Newport, Pembrokeshire, formerly of Cardiff, dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Newport, at 10.30 am Wednesday 17th May. Family flowers only.

STAMP - On May 14th 1995, after a long painful illness borne with great courage, Ian Temperley Stamp, aged 84 of Headley, nr. Newbury. A former BBC News Reader. Requiem Eucharist at St Peter's Church, Headley, on Thursday May 18th at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Reading at 3.15pm. No flowers please. Donations to St Peter's Church, Headley. Enquiries to (01985) 840724.

TILLEY - On May 12th, Irine, aged 86 at St Nicholas Convent, London. Widow of Basil, beloved mother of Charles and grandmother of Alexander and Jessica. Service at St Mary Magdalene, Trinity Road, Wandsworth Common on Friday, May 19th at 1.45pm, followed by burial at Putney Vale Cemetery at 3pm. Donations, if desired, to The Sisters of the Temple, St Nicholas Convent, 67 Holland Park, London W11 3SJ.

VENN - On May 13th 1995, Francis George James, peacefully in Portugal after a long illness, dearly loved husband of Annie, father of Peter and Jenny, stepfather of Mungo, Alexander and Christopher, and dear grandfather of Paul, James, Nicola, Tania, Leisa and Lara, great-grandfather of Alexander, Hayley and Oliver. Funeral today in Portugal. Memorial Service to be announced. Donations if desired to Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA.

WEBBER - On May 15th, peacefully at home, John, cherished husband of Diana and much loved by all his family. Private Requiem Mass and cremation on Thursday May 18th. Service of Thanksgiving at St John's R.C. Church on Friday May 19th at 2.30 pm. Donations in place of flowers to British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research Campaign c/o J & M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury, OX16 8DG.

WEBB - On May 12th 1995, peacefully at Elstree Manor, Annie Smith McFarlane (née Benson) aged 84 years, formerly of Radlett. Much loved wife of the late John Westwood Webb, mother of Christine and Judy, mother-in-law of Ninian Logan and grandmother of Jo. Funeral Service at Garston Crematorium on Friday 19th May at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Elstree Manor, c/o Nethercott and Son, Funeral Directors, 20 Aldenham Road, Radlett, Herts. (01923-852899).

WEBSTER - On 11th May 1995 at Harefield Hospital, after a long and courageous fight against lung disease, Timothy Adrian, aged 36. Funeral on Friday 19th May 1995 at 12 noon at Chetwynd Church, Newport, Shropshire. Enquiries to (01952) 813024. Family flowers only. Donations to The Royal Brompton Hospital, London SW6 c/o Dr. R.M. du Bois.

WETHERED - Dr. Rodney Richard aged 81: on 14th May, peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Sarah, much loved father of Simon and Felicity and his six grandchildren. Thanksgiving Service, Thursday, 1st June at 11.30 am at Eastington Parish Church. Donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG.

WHETSTONE - Trixie (née Cary) died peacefully at home on 13th May. Private cremation. Memorial Service at Friends Meeting House, Sidcot, Winscombe, Avon on Sunday, 28th May at 2.30pm. Enquiries to John Gower (01934) 842946.

WYATT - On May 7th 1995, at Bromley Hospital, Catherine Joan, much loved by her sister Nancy, her family and many friends. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells on Friday May 19th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished, to The British Heart Foundation c/o Frank Chappell & Sons, 27 London Road, Sevenoaks, tel: (01732) 450203.

YARWOOD - On May 9th, peacefully at home, Arthur Joseph, aged 92, dearly loved husband of Gabrielle and father of Sheila, Paul and Carolyn. Private family funeral. If desired donations may be sent to Oxfam.

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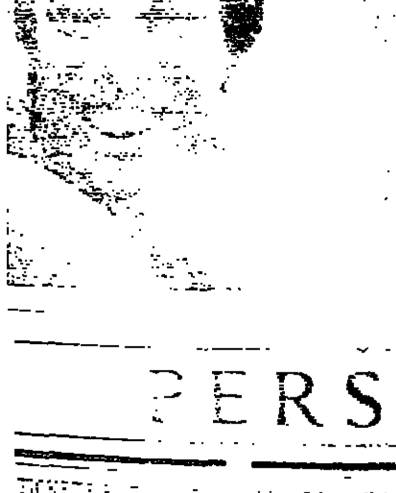
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OBITUARIES

STEPHEN STEWART

Stephen Stewart, MBE, Nazi war crimes prosecutor, 1946-47, and chairman of the Common Law Institute of Intellectual Property, died on April 16 aged 80. He was born in Vienna on April 22, 1914.



Stewart, second from left, as one of the prosecuting team at the war crimes tribunal at Lüneburg, which, in the autumn of 1945, tried 44 of the jailers of the Belsen concentration camp

WHEN suggestions were made recently that there was no evidence that Odette Churchill, the French Resistance heroine who died on March 13, had had her toenails pulled out by Gestapo torturers, Stephen Stewart was quick to put the record straight. "I saw her feet and every toenail had been ripped out," said Stewart. "It was obvious that she had undergone extreme torture but was determined not to show any pain. She even refused to use a stick to walk into the witness box."

There could have been no more effective independent testimonial on Odette's behalf. As the leader of the legal team that prosecuted the ringleaders responsible for the torture and killing of hundreds of thousands of women held by the Nazis at the Ravensbrück concentration camp, Stewart had got to know her well. She had been one of those prisoners and was one of the most compelling prosecution witnesses.

In 1946 and 1947, first as a member of the prosecuting teams at the Belsen and Neuengamme war crimes trials, at Lüneburg and Hamburg respectively, and then as the chief prosecuting officer at the Ravensbrück trial, also at Hamburg, Stewart played a leading part in drawing together the first-hand testimony of the surviving concentration camp victims, presenting it to the court and securing the convictions of the perpetrators. He helped to piece together the details of what had gone on at the concentration camps: indeed, the opening statements of the prosecution cases were effectively the first detailed official accounts of the atrocities to be made public. The depth and extent of Nazi depravity stunned the world.

Stephen Malcolm Stewart was the son of Siegmund and Helen Strauss of Vienna and attended the University of Vienna. As a young man about town in the Austrian capital in the 1930s, one of his first girlfriends was Hedwig Kiesler, who gained international fame some years later as the Hollywood film star Hedy Lamarr. They maintained their friendship and last saw each other in 1960.

In 1938, after the *Anschluss*, Stewart received word that as a young lawyer regarded by the authorities as a leftist, his name was on a Nazi hit-list. So, with the assistance of Polish diplomats, he was smuggled out of the country to Poland, where he paid a ship's captain to take him to England. Once in the UK he was drafted into the Pioneer Corps and was among those who helped to build an airbase at Yeovil. But in 1940, his ability in languages was properly acknowledged and he was appointed a liaison officer with the Free French Forces and the Belgian Army.

In 1945 he served as a major in the Judge Advocate General's office of the 21st Army Group and in September 1945 was appointed Assistant Prosecutor in the trial of the staff of Belsen concentration camp. The following year he was entirely responsible for the preparation of the case against 14 members of the Neuengamme concentration camp, evaluating the evidence and preparing the cases for trial, and was the principal prosecutor.

At the trial Stewart said that in just over two years 40,000 died at a rate of 120 a day at the camp towards the end. He effectively established the premeditated nature of the concentration camp atrocities by quoting from the official minutes of two Nazi conferences which had taken place in September 1942 which showed that, at the first, Himmler had said that delivery to the camps of "antisocial" elements for "extermination through work" was to apply to Jews, Russians, Ukrainians, Poles, Czechs, Gypsies and German habitual criminals. The minutes of the second of the conferences showed that Goebbels had said that "the idea of extermination through work was the best".

Stewart went on to detail how brutally that shameless goal had been achieved and the degree of human suffering involved. In his opening statement to the court, Stewart dealt with a suggestion which, he said, had frequently been expressed: that the accused and other war criminals were being tried merely because the Allies had won the war and as the prerogative of the victors. Nothing, he said, could have been more dangerous and more wrong in law. He went on to establish precisely why the crimes of which the defendants were accused were classified as war crimes, as well as establishing their guilt.

In contrast to the numerous and lurid semi-fictional depictions of Nazi war crimes that have been purveyed in subsequent years, the case for the prosecution that Stewart presented to the military tribunals was stark in its detail, strikingly measured in its tone and, thus, all the more chillingly effective in establishing beyond doubt the nature and the extent of the depravity.

The evidence Stewart presented from the women's camp at Ravensbrück was equally chilling. Some Russian Red Cross nurses captured on the field of battle were there but the majority of inmates were civilians — members of the Resistance movement, or labour slaves dragged off to Germany. Designed to hold 6,000 prisoners, it rarely had fewer than 12,000 inmates. At the time of its liberation it held 36,000. By April 1945, 50,000 had perished through undernourishment, overwork, exposure and ill-treatment by the staff. Inmates were robbed of their bread. Red Cross parcels and clothes and were beaten and forced to stand in the open in all weathers.

At the end of the Neuengamme trial Stephen Stewart received a letter from one of the convicted defendants, Alfred Trzebinski, thanking him for the "fair and dignified manner" of his questioning.

After leaving the Army in 1948 Stewart was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple and practised for 13 years before becoming director-general of the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry. He had a great love of music — particularly Mozart and Schubert but also any Dixieland jazz band he came across — and found the legal niceties of the record business more appealing than practising at the criminal Bar.

He specialised in patents, industrial matters and, in particular, in intellectual copyright issues. In 1981 he founded and became chairman of the Common Law Institute of Intellectual Property and wrote four books on copyright law.

He was a member of the General Council of the Bar, 1969-71, vice-chairman of the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry, 1974-76, and its chairman from 1976 to 1978. He was also a member of the Senate of the Inns of Court and Bar, 1976-81.

Away from the law, he was a governor of the Polytechnic of the South Bank, 1967-70, and of Sevenoaks School, 1968-83, and was awarded the Golden Cross of Austria in 1983.

Stephen Stewart's first wife, Marie Josephine, née Bere, whom he married in 1946, died in 1990. He is survived by his second wife, Jane, née Taylor-Allen, and by two sons of his first marriage.

ANDREW MILNE

Andrew Milne, schoolmaster and arts administrator, died from a thrombosis on May 14 aged 58. He was born on March 9, 1937.

ANDREW MILNE was a remarkably versatile man, who switched careers from headmaster to administering the arts with ease, always managing to keep his love and playing of music, both classical and jazz, at the forefront of his life. His enthusiasm for anything he undertook bordered at times on eccentricity.

Andrew McNicoll Milne, known as Nick to his many friends, was the son of John McNicoll Milne, deputy head and head of music at Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury. There his son played the cello and was taught English by William Golding. After National Service in the Royal Artillery, where his cello-playing had to be augmented by learning the trombone to play in the band, he went up to Worcester College, Oxford, where he read history.

The sometimes haphazard progress of his career began with his appointment as a music master at Oundle. He quickly turned to history, becoming head of history, 1966-70, and then Second Master, 1975-79. In 1979 he was appointed Headmaster of the King's School, Worcester, endearing himself to boys and masters alike.

After he left the King's School in 1983, he switched careers. He was appointed acting music officer of the Eastern Arts Association in 1984 (after applying to run Eastern Jazz) and rose through the ranks to become deputy director, and then director during the restructuring of the arts association organisations in 1992.

His next challenge he found irresistible. He was offered the post of executive director, Arts Council of Bophuthatswana, in 1992, at a time of impending and enormous change. What he achieved was astonishing, for he insisted on bringing black staff into partnership, knowing that they must take over. His leadership made him possibly the only white head of a quango there to gain the respect of blacks and whites alike.

Milne returned to England at the end of 1994, reluctant in some ways to leave a job which had given him immense satisfaction as well as difficulties, to become operations director for the National Lottery at the Arts Council, responsible for setting up and managing the applications process. With his leadership, the process — dealing with hundreds of applications — was up and running efficiently and fairly in good time.

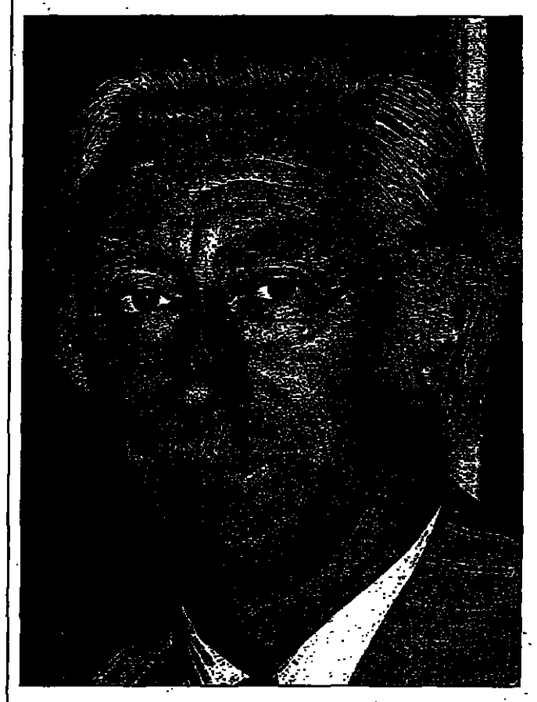
Throughout his busy working life he always found time for his family and friends, and he also did not give up his



cello-playing (his wife Nicola was also a cellist whom he met in his days with the National Youth Orchestra). He maintained his interest in jazz as well. He founded the Milne Macdonald Big Band with Hugh Macdonald, the musicologist, and led from the front with his trombone. The band's concerts — with guests including Humphrey Lyttelton and other big names — brought him great delight.

He is survived by his former wife Nicola — the marriage was dissolved in 1989 — by their two daughters, and by Barbara, his companion of recent years.

PROFESSOR GEOFFREY GOODWIN



Geoffrey Goodwin, Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics, 1962-78, died on April 26 aged 78. He was born on June 14, 1916.

GEOFFREY GOODWIN was part of that now shrinking generation of scholars of international relations who saw combat during the Second World War. In his case it was as a regular soldier and outstanding athlete. After Marlborough and Sandhurst, he enlisted in the Suffolk Regiment. Later he was involved in special operations, both in France after Dunkirk, and in the Mediterranean. Then, in 1943, he was struck down by polio. He was invalided out of the Army and began to study for a degree at the LSE.

By the time war was over Goodwin was ready for a new career in the Foreign Office, despite his need for callipers and sticks to get around. It was a source of disappointment to him when the FO proved insufficiently flexible to be able to cope with his disability, and he was forced to consider yet another new career in 1948.

This time there was to be no premature curtailment, and Goodwin remained in his new institution, the department of international relations at the LSE, for thirty years — first as a lecturer, then a Reader and from 1962 as the Montague Burton Professor — until his retirement in 1978. Despite the pain and inconvenience which he clearly suffered, Goodwin commuted daily from Epsom to the Aldwych and soon proved himself a wholly committed academic. He was the most effective single figure in turning an interesting but somewhat idiosyncratic department into what is now the biggest and best-known centre for the study of international relations outside the United States.

Goodwin was effective at all three of the academic's main functions. He was a good and sympathetic teacher with a real interest in individual pupils. He and his wife Janet were endlessly generous with hospitality, and he would often help students in difficulty without their ever having realised what he had done. His Christian faith reinforced a natural humanity and sense of duty.

In the area of research, Goodwin was a good scholar if not a prolific writer, and his works *Britain and the United Nations* (1958), *New Dimensions of World Politics* (1975), *A New International Commodity Regime* (1979) and *Ethics and Nuclear Deterrence* (1982) — the last three all collaborative books — have proved useful to students and colleagues alike. He was also a great facilitator in the area of research, with an eye for new developments and an openness of mind that those unable to look beyond his military bearing and sometimes choleric manner were likely to miss.

Goodwin was very quick to see the importance of at least three new areas of inquiry, and to encourage their development in teaching and research: the politics of international economic relations, foreign policy analysis and the external relations of the EEC — on the last of which he wrote a prescient and influential article.

The ability to catalyse was even more evident in the third leg of the academic tripod — administration. Goodwin was an excellent academic administrator who served as convenor of the international relations department, vice-chairman of the LSE's academic board, and (temporary) principal of St Catharine's Foundation, Windsor Great Park, 1971-72. He was a prime mover in setting up what is now the vibrant British International Studies Association, and also the multidisciplinary Centre for International Studies at the LSE, which welcomed distinguished scholars from all over the world.

He was a man of genuinely international outlook, impatient with the narrowness of nationalisms, and all too aware of the pity of war. His disability did not stop him travelling the globe, whether for conferences or on sabbatical leave.

Family life was the foundation on which Goodwin's happiness and achievements were built, and it was tragic that his wife Janet died relatively young in 1986, when there should have been many years of retirement left for them to share.

Thereafter, determined on his independence, Goodwin entered a nursing home where he continued to take a lively interest in the wider world, despite failing health.

He is survived by his son and two daughters.

NICHOLAS FLEMING



Nicholas Fleming, author, journalist and farmer, died from a heart attack at Nettlebed, Oxfordshire, on May 9 aged 56. He was born on January 3, 1939.

DIFFIDENT and unambitious, Nichol Fleming wrote less than he should have done, and what he did write is perhaps less appreciated than it deserves to be. Growing up in the shadow of his father Peter Fleming, whose amusing accounts of his foreign travels had brought him early fame, and then of his thriller-writing uncle Ian, it took Nichol some time to find his own style.

Nicholas Peter Val Fleming was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. After short ventures into television and publishing, he started writing. Three early thrillers, *Counter Paradise*, *Czech Point* and *Hash* were inevitably compared unfavourably to the James Bond books. But in his fourth novel, *Takeover*, set in the world of international finance, Nichol Fleming's sense of humour and ear for dialogue emerged more strongly, and these qualities became increasingly pronounced in his journalism, notably in his book reviews in *The Spectator*.

Other people's dialogue, however, no matter how entertaining, was seldom as funny as Fleming's own. By those who knew him he will be best remembered for his cheerful wit, utterly devoid of malice, for his contentment, and for his great generosity.

That generosity was especially evident at Nettlebed, the Oxfordshire estate bought by his great-grandfather, Robert Fleming, founder of the merchant bank that bears his name. The estate Nichol managed with a deceptively light hand, being as kind to those who worked for him as he was indulgent to the many friends and in-laws who infested his acres.

Benign landowner, talented writer — he also wrote *September 1939*, a book about the origins of the Second World War — Fleming may sound as though he would have been better suited to a less competitive age. In many respects, however, he was a thoroughly modern man. His love of the cinema (which, because his mother was Celia Johnson, was familiar to him from an early age) was matched by a weakness for cars and for gadgetry of all kinds: a huge and hideous satellite dish reposed on his lawn long before, and after, smaller ones appeared on rooftops elsewhere.

Allergic to formality and impervious to convention, he was loath to don even a suit, let alone a dinner jacket. And his taste in outdoor activities was more for tennis, at which he excelled, than for hunting, shooting or fishing: he used to say, though not in the hearing of his gamekeeper, that he was always on the side of the animals.

Fleming, who never married, leaves his two sisters.

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ENGLISH OPTIMISM.

VILLAGE REVELS IN THE RAIN.

One of the invariable effects of variable May upon the English temperament—May with its prevalent cold and its occasional flushes of heat—is that it sets us all planning for a summer which is now floating in the air, so to speak, but withheld for a little, refusing to come to earth. We hold, however, that come it must, and come soon. So our thoughts turn, as the thoughts of our ancestors turned, to the organization of open-air dancings and prancings, of garden parties, with strawberries and cream; of barefoot meandering in meadows; of tripping the lawns gaily, crowned with roses and green leaves; or rather, of watching others do this sort of thing, while we sit on, under umbrellas.

On the vicarage lawn the assembled company—all good will, sharp elbows, and large feet—were gathered together for a rehearsal of the Old English Malmsey-Morris Dances, to be held, in June, for the benefit of local charities. "And not for that purpose only," explained the vicar's wife, "but also because we think it does the children the greatest good for them to get into touch with the Good Old English spirit of merry-making." "But need one dance about with bare feet and knees in order to be merry? It's never safe in our climate." The objection is coldly received by the vicar's wife. She has been "taking" the Dance of the Flowers. It is, unfortunately, not only a dance. It has words to it as well—words written by the local literary person who is understood to have many more such masques at hand.

"I am Pansy," says Buttercup, and is violently put in her place as Pansy by the vicar's wife. With an absence of all gesture, and with arms glued to their sides, as though bound with leathern thongs, the village maidens advance and announce themselves. Again and again we have watched them in the pouring rain treading the Morris Mazes. We have heard Pansy proclaim herself in a hailstorm. The slushy tread of Snapdragon has advanced towards us through an ocean of united puddles. A wet mist has risen, as she danced, about the feet of Rose. But always the Vicar and his wife have sat sternly on under umbrellas ...

ON THIS DAY

May 16, 1914

Village pageants, linked with bad weather, have long been the butt of humourists. Rain or shine, such revels are slow to die.

DANCES

LADY CHEYLESMORE'S COTILLON

Lady Cheylesmore gave a dinner party last night at 16, Prince's-gate which was followed by a dance and cotillon. The cotillon was led by Lady Oranmore and M. André de Fouquieres, who were assisted by Captain Berkeley Lovett and the Countess of Portarlington.

Several new figures from Paris were introduced, and the favours distributed included all manner of novelties from pieces of jewelry to boxes of bon-bons cunningly concealed in pots of lily-of-the-valley. For supper everybody was disguised, the men wearing masks, and the ladies long flowing veils in different colours.

Battle lines are drawn up over the planning application for a fifth terminal at London's Heathrow airport

Sludge works or the hub of the world?

At the start of an inquiry which may go on for two years, Harvey Elliott introduces a special report on the debate surrounding a new terminal to increase capacity at Heathrow airport



How Heathrow's proposed £1 billion Terminal 5 will look — if it survives Britain's longest and costliest ever planning inquiry



Today, in a crowded hotel suite near Heathrow, before hundreds of lawyers, councillors, airline officials, environmental groups, local residents, journalists, planners and airport operators, Roy Vandermeer, QC, will launch what could prove to be the longest and most expensive planning application public inquiry ever held in Britain.

The suite at the Ramada Hotel and its 500 chairs have been booked until September 1996, and closed-circuit television screens have been linked to the adjoining York Theatre to accommodate the overflow. The final aggregate cost will exceed the estimate of £10 million: the Department of the Environment will have to find more than £1 million just for the accommodation.

The issue which has so focused the attention of anyone with even the most remote interest in air travel is the proposal by BAA plc to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow. By 2013, BAA says Heathrow will face a demand to handle at least 80 million passengers a year. But the airport's four terminals will be capable of handling only 50 million. Therefore it must build a new terminal very soon.

Once BAA had submitted its detailed proposal for the £1 billion terminal at a sludge works on the Perry Oaks site, between Heathrow's two runways, the Environment Department was deluged with representations and letters.

Easily the largest group was 6,000 residents of Richmond, Kingston and other boroughs near the airport who had been leafleted by the two main protest groups — HACAN (Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise) and FHANG (Federation of Heathrow Anti-Noise Groups). Another 4,000 individuals wrote in asking for their views to be taken into account, and it was finally decided that more than 2,000 people would be asked to speak during the inquiry.

The real "heavyweights", however, are the 70 organisations which have been earmarked for special consideration. They include the airlines, the airport operators, local businessmen and trade unions, who want the terminal to go ahead, and the organised local groups whose members suffer from the noise of landing and taking off aircraft, who do not.

The final decision is likely to be taken well after the next general election by the then Environment Secretary and Transport Secretary.

> 'Within the next ten years Heathrow will be swamped'

Proponents of the scheme argue that Terminal 5 represents the last chance for Britain to become Europe's main air travel hub. Without it, they say, air passengers would be denied access to their first-choice British airport. International airlines would be forced to look elsewhere to develop their main junction airport in Europe, and 16,500 jobs in the west of London would be lost.

The Heathrow Airport Support Group, representing 110 companies and trade associations, claims that "if Terminal 5 does not go ahead, the UK stands to lose a great deal and the impact would eventually be felt in all walks of life".

For British Airways, which plans to move all its services into the new terminal, rather than have to bus passengers up to three miles from the international Terminal 4 to domestic and short-haul Terminal 1, not only are the economic advantages enormous but also without the new terminal the airline would face a crisis.

Without Terminal 5, they believe, Britain could become little more than a European regional aviation centre, sending passengers to the few airports on the continental mainland capable of accommodating the giant aircraft of the future from where the few surviving airlines would be able to fly long-haul passengers around the world.

Heathrow's existing two runways, say those in favour, can easily accommodate the expected growth in aircraft movements for the foreseeable future, but the terminals are incapable of handling the enormous increase in passengers. By the beginning of the next decade — and certainly within the next ten years — they say the capacity of the terminals at Heathrow will have been swamped.

They point to the fact that other airports on the Continent, and especially Paris Charles de Gaulle, are ready to pounce and to develop new runways, new terminals and new road and rail links quickly and simply. With the European Commission responsible for negotiating a single international air services agreement with America, Japan or any other nation, Charles de Gaulle believes it is in a perfect position to attract the big carriers and dominate Europe's aviation industry.

According to BAA, Terminal 5 is essential if this challenge, and its potentially damaging impact on the British economy, is to be met.

It vehemently denies local environmental groups' claims that the new terminal would be an environmental disaster, and insists that there would be no increase in night flights or noise. Moreover, because the terminal would be contained within the existing airport boundaries, it could be built to the strictest environmental standards.

The protesters will argue equally fiercely that on its own the terminal would be Europe's third largest airport, and with BAA's plans to attract many more retail shops it would become a giant out-of-town shopping mall, jamming roads.

They will claim that the forecasts of traffic growth have been proved wrong in the past and are certain to be proved wrong again, that if this terminal is built then another runway will be demanded and yet another terminal in the future, and that now is the time to stop all further development and allow other airports to grow instead.

Airlines and the airport authorities argue that it is unrealistic to assume that just because an airport is under-used — like Stansted — passengers will automatically go there. Attempts by many international carriers to operate effective and profitable long-haul services from regional or smaller airports have failed because passengers want to fly to and from Heathrow. When the Government lifted the restrictions on Heathrow, 18 airlines transferred there, half from Gatwick.

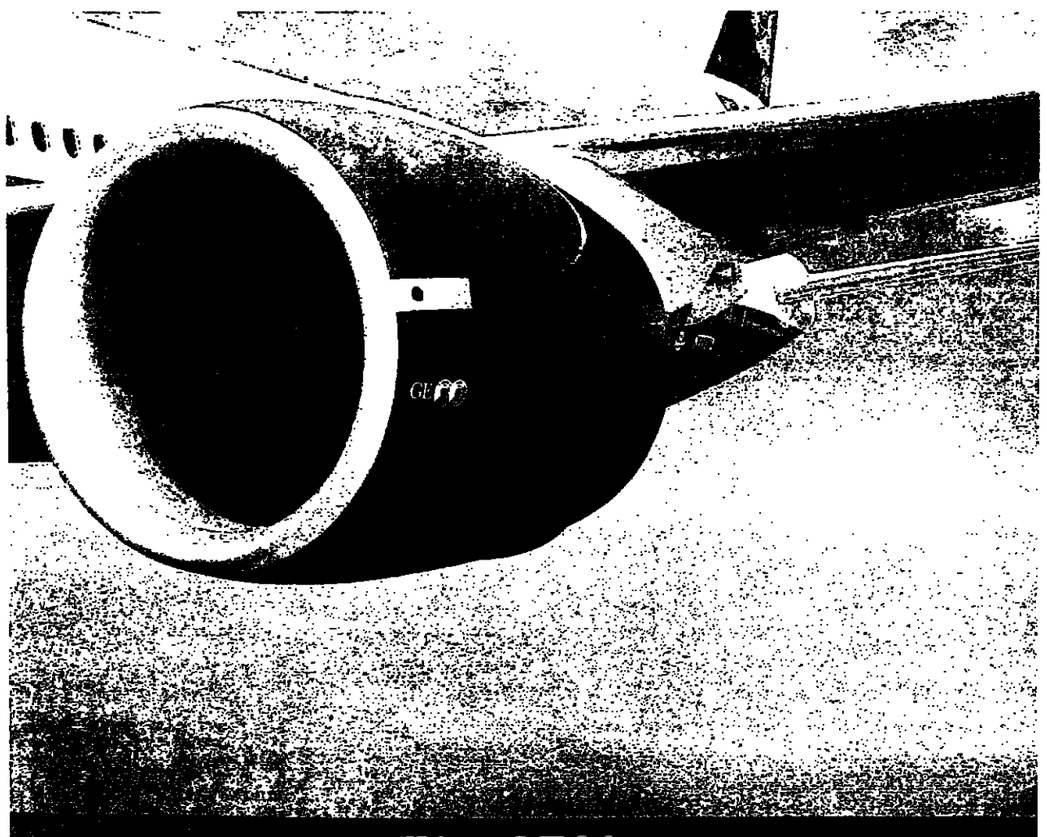
BAA will put forward a package of statistics and opinion poll results showing that the protesters are in a minority, and that the tide is running strongly in its direction. Since November, it says, the number of people supporting the plans has increased by 7 per cent, and 43 per cent of local people now say yes to the plan compared with only 31 per cent who say no. Trade unions are also strongly in favour because of the thousands of new jobs Terminal 5 would create.

BAA has already begun preliminary work on moving accumulated deposits of sewage sludge from the site, buying a few acres of nearby land and planning in detail the design of the building and how it will operate.

If the Government rejects the proposals it will have spent £200 million. Foreign airlines now clamouring to get into Heathrow or to expand their services will be forced to look elsewhere — probably to Paris. British Airways would be forced either to stop expansion or to move much of its operation to mainland Europe.

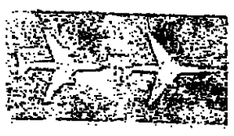
On the other hand, the 300,000 people who live near Heathrow — most of whom moved in knowing there was a major airport near by — would have won respite from what they see as its continuing unchecked development, affecting their quality of life.

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The next generation of aircraft should transform air travel

Airliners using Heathrow will be bigger, with the proposed 600/700-seat NLA (new large aircraft) becoming a common sight at the airport, if Terminal 5 is given the go-ahead.

Airlines, and particularly British Airways, have concluded that the only possible way of moving the additional 30 million passengers a year through the airport without big delays is to make each aircraft carry more people.

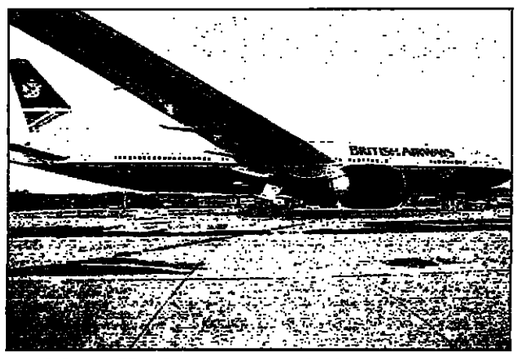
This policy would, according to BA forecasts, increase the average number of passengers per aircraft at Heathrow from the current 147 to 214 by the year 2010, but would produce an increase of only 5 per cent in aircraft movements. By 2010, BA estimates it will be carrying 36 million passengers a year in and out of Heathrow.

BA has made it clear that its fleets of smaller airliners — Boeing 737s and Airbus Industrie A320s, carrying an average of 130 passengers — would be redeployed out of Heathrow to other bases. The smallest BA airliner using the main London airport after Terminal 5 was commissioned would be the Boeing 757, with about 200 seats. BA today has 70 long-haul and 86 short-haul aircraft based at Heathrow.

With a quart of air traffic being squeezed into a pint pot of airport, it is not difficult to see a situation early in the new century in which BAA, the airport operator, would encourage airlines flying small "puddle jumper" aircraft, by way of higher landing charges, to move to Gatwick, Stansted or Luton.

The precursor of the new generation of big airliners can be seen at Heathrow from next month when the American carrier United Airlines inaugurates the Boeing 777 on the London-Washington DC route. British Airways has ordered a fleet of 15 of this new twin-engine, 350-seat aircraft, with another 15 on option, at a total cost of £2 billion, and will introduce it into service in October, on the Dubai/Muscat route, before going transatlantic with it to Boston in December.

Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of BA, says that the use of such new aircraft will not mean an increase in night flying at Heathrow, nor any increase in noise. Although the engines which power the B777 are far larger than their predecessors, they are quieter.



Arriving at Heathrow next month, the new Boeing 777

According to Captain Jock Lowe, BA's director of flight operations, the airline's 777s, equipped with GE90 power plants, will have a noise "footprint" on take-off 65 per cent smaller than that left by a Boeing 747. The engine is also low on emissions — 22 per cent below the standard laid down for 1996 by the International Civil Aviation Organisation, the United Nations aviation body. General Electric, which will increase the certificated thrust of the GE90 to a mighty 92,000lb by May next year, claims that its engine has the lowest levels of noise generation among the three competitors, one important factor being the lower tip speeds of its massive front fan, which is produced in composite material rather than traditional aerospace metals.

Other "Jumbo" airliners which will use Terminal 5 will be the Airbus Industrie A330, a twin-engine competitor of the Boeing 777, and the four-engine Airbus A340. Boeing is seriously considering a version of its 747, using the same wing as today's aircraft but with the fuselage "stretched" to accommodate 500 passengers, and after that could come the NLA, with 600, 700 or, in the long term, up to 1,000 passengers. Aircraft stands at Terminal 5 will be constructed to accept the increased wingspan of new aircraft such as this.

Sir Colin Marshall is urging Boeing to make a start on the NLA so that it could be in service by the year 2004. He says: "We believe the NLA is certainly going to arrive; the only hold-up to it at the moment is the financial condition of the airline industry."

Of the other large carriers around the world, only Singapore Airlines has so far matched BA's enthusiasm for the new aircraft. Despite this, the Americans are going ahead with research, as is a consortium of European aerospace manufacturers, and it appears inevitable that, given the enormous development costs involved, the two sides will eventually combine to build a "super Jumbo" for the world's increasingly overcrowded airports.

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Charles de Gaulle airport, Heathrow's main rival, handled 28.7 million passengers in 1994 and is planning a major terminal expansion

Competitors aim high

Continental airports intend to take Heathrow's business, says **Arthur Reed**

Both BAA, which operates Heathrow airport, and British Airways, whose main base it is, worry that traffic will migrate to airports in mainland Europe, and particularly to Charles de Gaulle (CDG) and Orly in Paris, and Schiphol, Amsterdam, if the fifth terminal at Heathrow is not developed.

Their fears are justified. Both CDG/Orly and Schiphol have been snapping at Heathrow's heels in the passenger market for some time — Schiphol even promotes itself as "London's third airport", and has run advertisements in UK newspapers picturing traffic jams on the M25 London orbital motorway. Unlike Heathrow, both have virtually unlimited room to expand. And both are linked into the European rail system, with stations beneath their terminals.

CDG, Air France's main hub airport, and where the airline promises passengers connecting times as low as 45 minutes between flights, handled 28.7 million passengers in 1994, a total with Orly's 26.6 million of 55.3 million, up 7.3 per cent on the previous year. Between them, the two Paris airports moved 1.2 million tons of freight and mail, up 14.5 per cent.

To cope with the forecast that air traffic to and from the French capital will grow 4 per cent a year up to the turn of the century, Aeroports de Paris (ADP) plans to invest Ffr10 billion for the five-year period 1995-99. Among future projects are a Ffr1.4 billion extension of Terminal 2 at CDG, due to go into operation in 1997 with a capacity of six million passengers a year. Construction of new runways on CDG's 7,700 acres is under serious consideration with a view to the airport handling in the long term 80 million passengers annually, and housing a large international business park.

Recent extensions completed include new terminal buildings at both CDG and Orly, and a rail/air interchange complex at CDG. Costing Ffr2 billion in total, the terminals increased the handling capacity of the Paris airports by 20 per cent, or 10 million passengers a year. The Ffr2 billion interchange, which opened in November, combines a TGV (high-speed train) station and an RER (regional express) station, both with direct access to the air terminals above.

Access to central Paris by rail is now vastly improved, and at the same time the roads between the airport and the capital, frequently choked with traffic, are being widened. TGV passengers will eventually be able to travel to Lille, London, Bordeaux, Cologne and other European cities. Air France passengers beginning their journey from Lille can already check in for their flight from CDG at Lille-Europe TGV station.

Schiphol Amsterdam airport, the main base for the Dutch national flag carrier KLM, has similar expansionist ambitions. Its passenger traffic increased by 11 per cent in 1994 over 1993 to 23.5 million, while freight traffic rose 8 per cent to 840,000 tons. The airport's management predicts a 6 per cent rise in passenger traffic and an 11 per cent rise in freight traffic for 1995, although these predictions were outstripped in the first quarter, when there were rises of 10 per cent and 13 per cent respectively. The biggest recent development was the opening in 1993 of the west wing extension of the existing terminal building, a decision having been taken by the airport management not to develop separate terminals, as at Heathrow and CDG, with all the problems of moving transfer passengers and their baggage from one to another.

With all facilities under one roof, Schiphol boasts connecting times of 50 minutes, reducing to 40 minutes for intra-Europe services. With such swift transfer times, and with 87 airlines serving 215 destinations worldwide, Schiphol must become increasingly attractive to British travellers if Heathrow is too congested. British and Dutch airlines already offer daily flights to Schiphol from no fewer than 22 airports in the United Kingdom.

With ample room to expand, Schiphol has serious aspirations to move up from its current position as fourth largest passenger airport in Europe (behind London, Paris and Frankfurt) and to this end, both Dutch Houses of Parliament are due this year to decide on proposals which would convert the airport into a "mainport".

Small voices of the airport protesters

Sixty local organisations are fighting the proposals, says **Nick Nuttall**

More than 60 organisations, including local authorities, environmental groups, residents' associations, natural history societies and townswomen's guilds have lined up to fight the Terminal 5 proposal at Heathrow.

Critics claim the Heathrow area has shouldered more than its fair share of the nation's growth in air traffic. They argue that any more development, especially on the scale of Terminal 5 which, if built, would become on its own Europe's third largest airport, is unacceptable on social, health, environmental and noise grounds.

They also remain deeply suspicious about official forecasts on air traffic growth being used by supporters of the scheme to justify its construction.

Opponents believe the project, part of which includes a huge retail development, also breaks new planning rules unveiled by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary.

These have cracked down on out-of-town shopping centres and ones along motorways amid fears that these increase car usage and pollution while killing off the traditional high street.

Opposition groups believe on this criterion alone that the Terminal 5 scheme should be denied planning permission.

Dermot Cox, chairman of the Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise (HACAN), which represents residents and has 7,000 members, said yesterday: "We have just had air pollution alerts on the M25 and the Department of Transport has announced plans for speed restrictions. The whole area is polluted and congested without this scheme which would make Terminal 5 on its own bigger than Paris's Charles de Gaulle or Amsterdam's Schiphol airport."

The plan to build Terminal 5 involves the building of no new runways. "The Civil Aviation Authority has cut separation of departing aircraft from two minutes to 60 seconds. Heathrow is already congested," Mr Cox says.

The opposition case against the new terminal is partly based on what are seen as broken promises by the Government and a *volte face* by BAA since privatisation which, it is alleged, has put profits before the public good.

During the previous inquiry which led to the approval of Terminal 4, the Government made commitments to limit flight numbers to 275,000 a year.

"This was agreed as the price which had to be paid to obtain planning permission ... but in 1994 flights were 50 per cent higher at 409,000," Mr Cox says.



Planes versus people in west London

HACAN also points to the radical shift in BAA's position since being privatised. A previous inquiry, in the early 1980s, into a British Airways-backed move to build a Terminal 5 was defeated partly through the former British Airports Authority's objection. "It argued that this would mean over-centralising airport development, more noise and worse traffic congestion," Mr Cox says.

BAA's argument in favour of the fifth terminal is also partly based on claims that the 57 per cent increase in passengers can be met by just 11 per cent more aircraft because of the development of super-Jumbos carrying up to 600 passengers.

But Mr Cox says these "remained paper planes" and cited a recent statement by Jean Pierson, managing director of Airbus Industrie, who said that the market for such large aircraft might be too small to justify building them.

"The fifth terminal is not about meeting air transport needs but about winning planning permission for a massive edge-of-town retail park on Green Belt land next to the most congested section of motorway in Europe," Mr Cox insists.

Des Wilson, BAA's spokesman, believes the protesters' fears can be met and disputes claims that the project is merely a front for shopping. He says: "It is absurd nonsense. Nearly all of the retailing is airside. You have to buy a plane ticket, take your passport and leave the country to go there to shop."

Mr Wilson says the company is convinced that noise levels at Heathrow will be no greater with Terminal 5, and will be unveiling a raft of measures designed to reduce levels if the scheme gets the go-ahead.

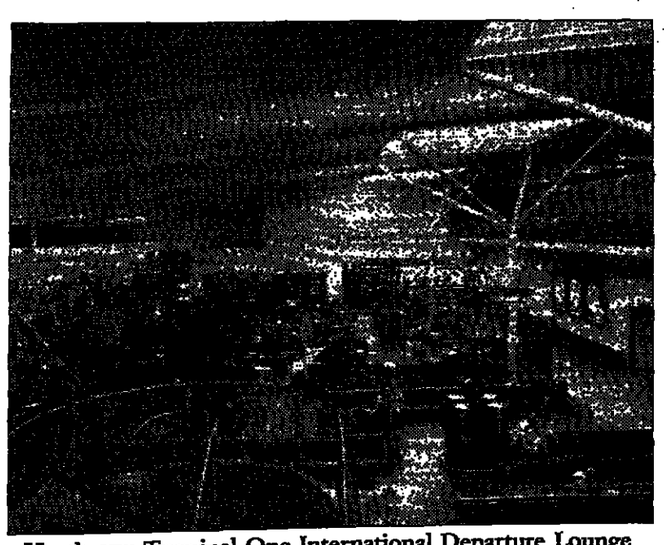
Fears about increased traffic levels on the motorways and feeder roads were also misplaced, says Mr Wilson. BAA is investing £300 million building the Heathrow Express and is "seeking to have the Piccadilly line extended to the fifth terminal".

Mr Wilson says: "We are investing £500,000 in feasibility studies to see how fresh rail links can be introduced including ones to the west.

"We are launching a campaign to get workers to share cars and if that does not work, we will look at some kind of incentives to reduce car usage. We believe overall these measures could have a huge impact on traffic levels."

He says he remains convinced that if future demand for air travel is to be met, Terminal 5 represents the best environmental option.

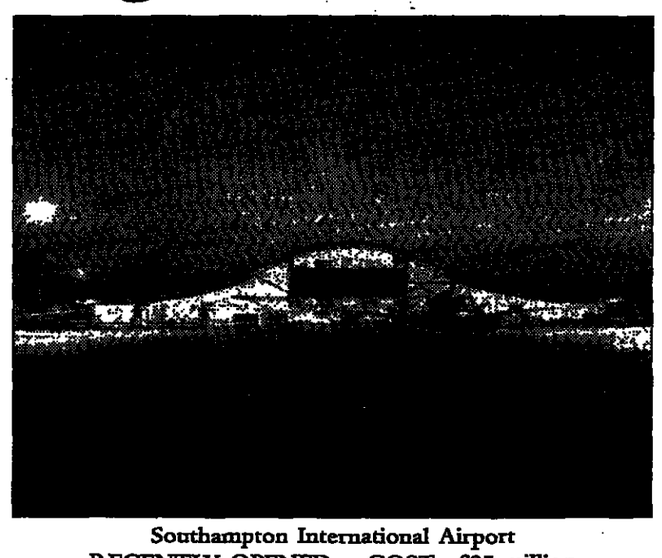
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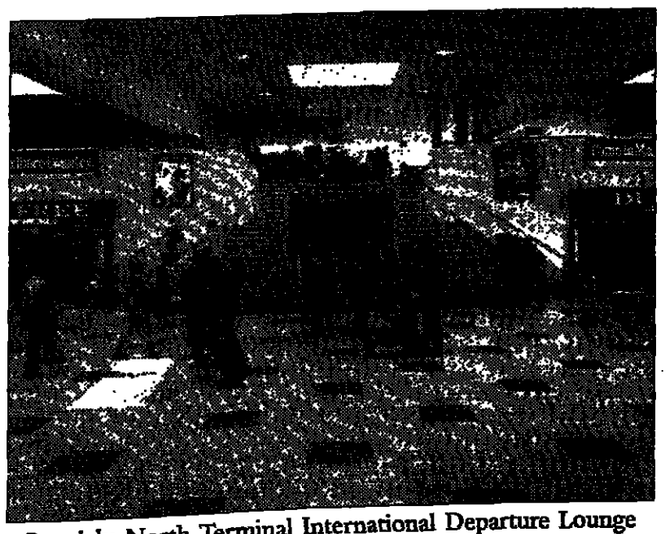
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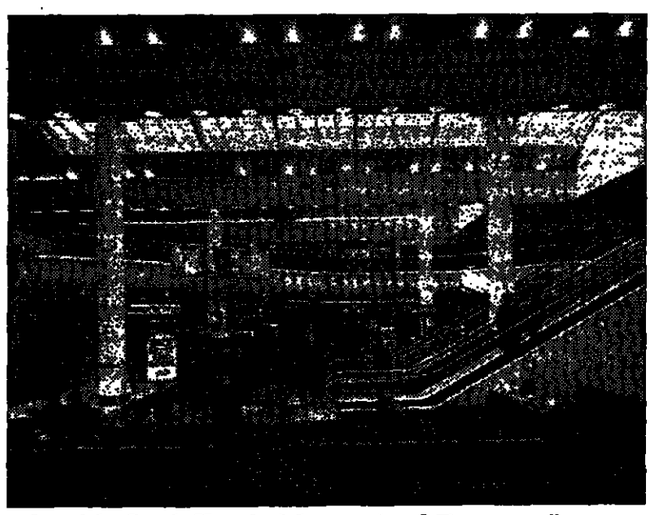
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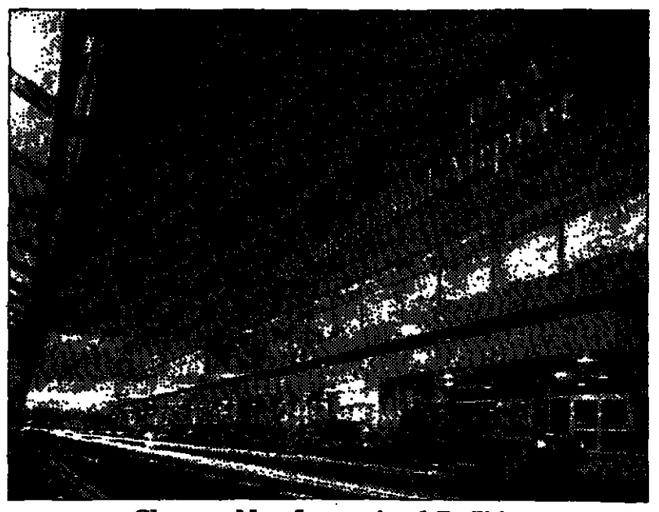
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Heathrow has always kept one step ahead, **Chris Lockwood** writes

Connections — both historic and geographic — are the solid bedrock on which Heathrow's popularity is based. By fate, fortune and design, it has maintained its dominance as the world's busiest international airport virtually since its opening day on May 31, 1946.

To the frustration of its later rivals on the Continent and the complete eclipse of any other existing gateway in the South East of England, Heathrow means London and that remains a focal point for the rest of the planet.

Within Europe, the airport features on ten of the 15 busiest cross-border air routes, to Paris, Dublin, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Brussels, Rome, Milan, Munich, Dusseldorf and Copenhagen.

Its Terminal 1 alone handles more than 20 million passengers a year, just 700,000 behind its hard-breathing competitor Amsterdam Schiphol in total, a fact that makes the terminal Europe's sixth largest airport in its own right. To the advantages of geographic location and historic ties overseas must be added the political element, which provided a stable and established base for those travelling to and from Europe just after the last war.

Although the airport site was a sea of mud and a tent city when officially opened in May 1946, Heathrow's first flight actually operated on January 1 of that year with a service to Lisbon as the first leg of a long-haul leap to South America. That flight was operated by British South American Airways with a Lancastrian airliner fittingly adapted for commercial service from the wartime Lancaster bomber.

Passengers arriving at Heathrow in 1946 found themselves in something more akin to an army camp than the gleaming complex that stands today. The airport was formerly an RAF station and a test field for Fairey Aviation.

> Terminal 1 alone handles 20 million passengers

Before its opening, long-haul services had used Hurn near Bournemouth as the main gateway after the end of the Second World War, but United States carriers complained that this left passengers 100 miles away from London by road. Heathrow was a better bet and a better, uncluttered site with room for expansion. London's prewar aerodrome at Croydon was hemmed in by housing, so with Croydon ruled out and Hurn too far away, Northolt was also considered. But that too was in a comparatively built-up area and was an RAF field designed to handle VIP and government flights — a role it retains today.

Surprisingly, perhaps, for the anti-Heathrow resident lobby, most of the housing around the airport was built after its initial development and largely because of it. Within a year of its opening, the need to improve and expand the airport was apparent and the original plan for nine runways was conceived for completion by 1950.

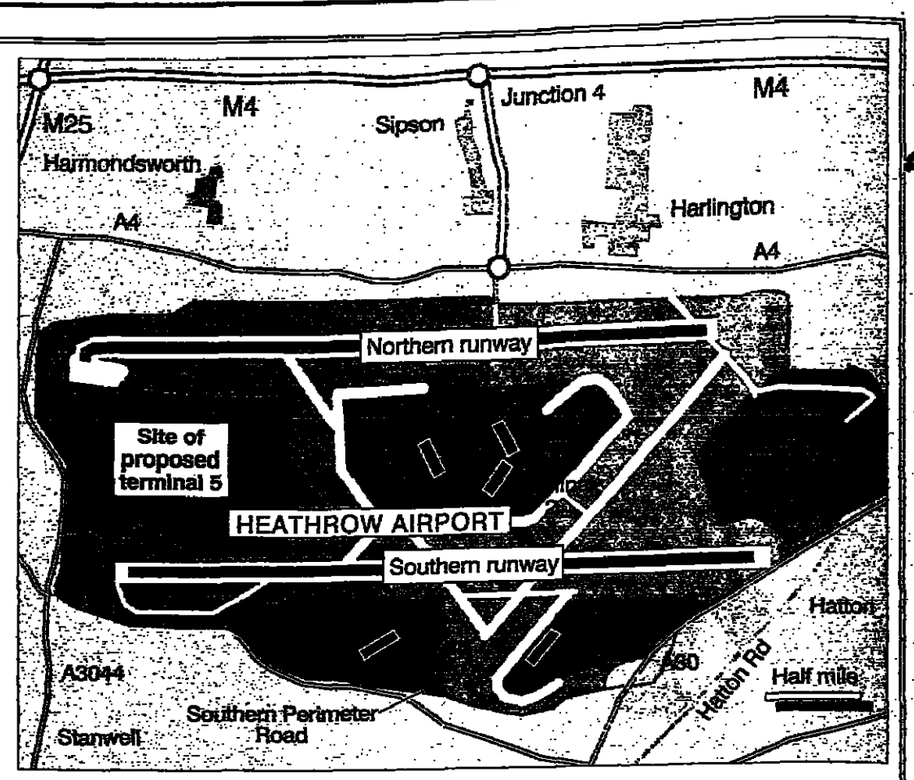
That first year saw 63,151 passengers pass through — far more than expected, and an experience which was to become common over the years.

Gatwick airport existed but was also considered too far away from the city centre. It was not until 1958 that that airport was given the expansion go-ahead due to overcrowding at Heathrow, a phrase which has also become a regular battle cry from developers and users alike who seek an ever larger and better London airport.

When Heathrow's new central terminal opened in 1955 (with a Vickers Viscount turbo-prop flight to Amsterdam), Port of New York Authority officials were unveiling plans to turn Idlewild (now JFK) into a proper international airport, and Lufthansa in Germany was expressing hopes for a postwar recovery.

Such was the way of the world that Heathrow was ahead of the game, and striving to stay there, as it is today.

The central terminal emerged and developed as Terminals 2 and 3, and the new Terminal 1 opened in 1969 to cope mostly with domestic and Irish traffic. Now Terminal 1 features international departures. Terminal 4 opened in 1986 and is largely devoted to British Airways and long-haul flights.



The Flight Connection Centre which opened late last year was a major recognition of the flying value that makes Heathrow tick in the number one position worldwide.

According to BAA, Heathrow is 10 per cent ahead of its closest worldwide competitor, New York JFK — and 19 per cent ahead of its nearest European rival, Frankfurt, in terms of international connections available. Now these passengers have their own dedicated centre and the first such building in the world focusing on the needs of multiracial, multinational connecting passengers.

Heathrow treasures its connections, its number one slot internationally and the fact that half of all the Boeing 747s in the world use it.

It has established a reputation for being the point to reach in order to reach any other point on Earth. In an air travel environment where speed and access are crucial, Heathrow could be proud of its unofficial motto, which dictates its global reputation: "You certainly can get there from here".

Two knights of Britain's air industry outline the competitive pressures behind the need for expansion

High stakes in dogfight

Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, says that the new terminal is vital

Last year the civil aviation industry recorded a collective surplus of $1.8 billion, worldwide, the first positive result for some years.

A substantial proportion of that global surplus is accounted for by the 1993/94 profits of British Airways.

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'London is the effective hub of world communications'

Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways

The importance of our air transport industry means that a top priority must be the objective of maintaining Britain's pre-eminent position.

Yet this situation is already under threat from other European countries and will become even more so in the future. International business continues to grow in scale and pace. With it grows the demand for comprehensive, economic and efficient transport.

Britain's response to that demand must be to build on existing success. Britain's position of pre-eminence is under threat, because Heathrow's terminal capacity is congested and growth prospects are severely limited.

If Heathrow cannot satisfy future demand, much of its traffic, therefore its role as Europe's premier gateway, will be given up to Britain's European competitors.

The world's airlines will not simply split their operations between Heathrow and other Southeast airports such as Gatwick and Stansted. They need to be tied into powerful, central hub and spoke systems which offer scope for growth and development.

If Heathrow cannot provide this, they will look to Paris, Frankfurt and Amsterdam.

BA has recently taken a serious look at the implications of having no Terminal 5 by commissioning an independent and dispassionate report from Coopers & Lybrand.

Their analysis estimates that without Terminal 5 the costs to British commerce and industry would increase by a figure approaching £1 billion a year through higher fares, longer journey times and more time away from the office. We could also lose £1.2 billion in annual foreign currency expenditure by overseas tourists.

Terminal 5 will also directly create thousands of jobs and safeguard thousands more. A total of 7,000 British Airways jobs and a further 9,500 airport jobs depend on the building of Terminal 5.

The environmental impact of Terminal 5 has to be taken into account and made as small as possible. We would be foolish in the extreme to contemplate a move which was entirely unacceptable to the community at large. We have to achieve the balance between environmental concern and economic necessity.

By 2010, British Airways aircraft will be bigger and quieter. The average BA aircraft will carry 47 per cent more people than it carries now. So more people can be flown through Heathrow with very few extra flights. There is no need for increased night flights or a third runway.

The noise levels around Heathrow will continue to improve. Just 20 years ago, two million people around Heathrow were affected by noise nuisance. Now only 400,000 are affected.

By the time Terminal 5 is fully operational the number of those affected will have been reduced further still thanks to the introduction of aircraft such as the new 300-seat twin-jet, the Boeing 777.

At stake is Britain's position at the forefront of world trade deep into the next century.

Airlines may leave

Sir John Egan, chief executive of BAA, the airports authority, says action is needed

Demand for air travel has never been higher. Whether for business or leisure, to visit family or to broaden the mind, the wish and need to fly is likely to increase well into the next century. Facing an annual 4 per cent growth rate in passenger numbers, Britain's airport capacity in the South East, where demand is heaviest, will run out by the year 2002. Action has to be taken now if needs and expectations are to be met. There is no way of avoiding this capacity problem; the question is how best it can be met.

There is spare capacity at Gatwick, Stansted and Luton but that will be exhausted over the next 20 years. Regional airports — already expanding faster than those in the South East — will shoulder more of the burden, but still leave us millions short.

The key to the application by BAA (formerly the British Airports Authority) to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow, however, is that this will go a long way to meet the demand by using existing resources better.

The potential runway capacity at Heathrow is simply not being put to use. Lack of apron space to park the planes and terminal capacity to cope efficiently with passengers to an acceptable standard means that by 2013 the runways will be operating well below their capacity. A fifth terminal would allow the airport to cope with the coming generation of larger aircraft — increasing the passenger through-put by 30 million passengers a year.



'The runway capacity at Heathrow is simply not being put to use'

Sir John Egan, chief executive of BAA

This can be done by a modest growth in the number of flights — an increase of about 8 per cent by the time the terminal is fully operational in 2013. Aeroplanes are getting larger across the board and airlines more efficient at avoiding empty seats.

Any project as large as this raises concerns, but I believe that there has never been a proposal of this scale which will have such little environmental impact.

The terminal building itself will be sited on land already within the perimeter roads of the airport. This is currently used for settling sewage water and has long been identified by Government and others as more suitable for airport use.

A number of the concerns have already been dispelled. The threat of a third runway at Heathrow has been lifted by the Government. BAA opposed the third runway proposal, was pleased to see it go and equally believes that no other runway at Heathrow is a practical proposition.

It was claimed that Terminal 5 would lead to a 14-lane M25. BAA made it clear that this was not the case and the 14-lane plans have now been dropped by the Government.

A number of other issues remain to be addressed. BAA will show at the inquiry, for example, that the noise climate will be no worse with Terminal 5 than it is today.

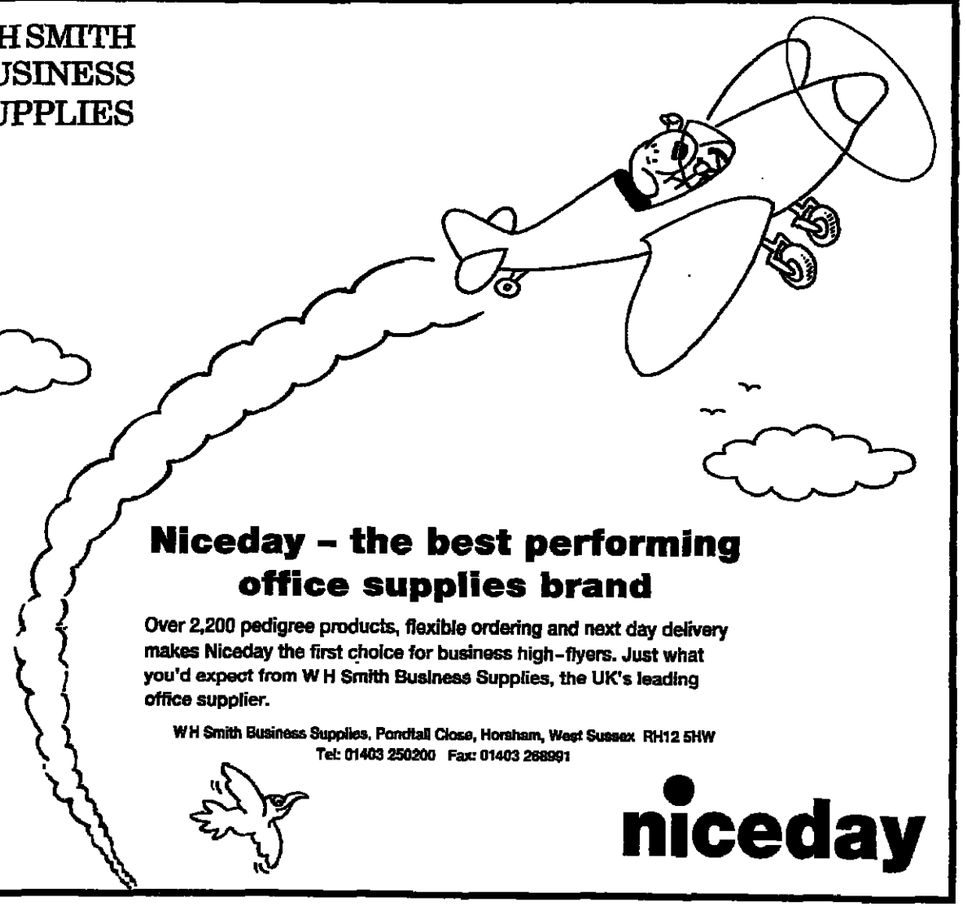
Access to the new terminal is another important issue. BAA has taken a lead in promoting public transport access to Heathrow. Already, 34 per cent of passengers travel by public transport and that figure is forecast to rise to 38 per cent once the Heathrow Express opens in 1997.

BAA has established a Public Transport Forum bringing together interested local parties to look for better ways of managing traffic, and has set aside £500,000 to sponsor feasibility studies into improved rail access to Heathrow. BAA is also exploring ways of encouraging staff to leave their cars at home. In time I would like to see 50 per cent of passengers travelling to Heathrow by public transport.

The building of Terminal 5 is not simply a commercial matter for BAA. The central role played by Heathrow in the local and national economy must be safeguarded in the interests of the country as a whole. If airlines cannot get access to Heathrow they are likely to look to the Continent for the kind of facilities and critical mass which is simply unavailable elsewhere in the UK.

The long-term consequences of not proceeding with the terminal would be fewer routes and less choice. The tourist industry — now one of our largest — would suffer, company location decisions be influenced and employment in the area affected: 16,000 jobs on and off the airport are in question.

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Flights demand grows

IN APRIL 1995, Heathrow handled 11 per cent more passengers — 4.5 million — than in March, bringing the moving annual total of passengers to 52.5 million, an increase of 8.2 per cent, according to the BAA last week.

While the late Easter holiday contributed to the above-average growth, the underlying overall increase for March and April was 7.7 per cent, indicating ever rising demand.

Figures for 1993 show that Heathrow handled more international passengers — nearly 41 million — than any other airport in the world, and it is the UK's biggest port by value, with over £38 billion of cargo passing through in 1992.

In 1993, Heathrow handled 393,000 passenger flights. BAA forecasts suggest that, without Terminal 5, the number of flights will grow to around 417,000 in 2016. With Terminal 5, that number will rise to 453,000.

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Sir Richard Rogers's initial design concept for Terminal 5's interior, light and airy with a billowing white roof and sheer glass walls

Magic carpet to the skies

Heathrow could gain a building to remember, says **Marcus Binney**

Airports begin as a dream and all too often end as a nightmare. Sir Richard Rogers's design for Terminal 5 at Heathrow is still in the dream stage, with computer visuals showing astonishingly light, airy spaces and a billowing white roof that appears to be tethered down rather than held aloft by the slenderest of needle columns. The four lines of columns, never less than 36m apart, support a series of parallel arched roofs, a space-age version of a railway terminus.

John Young, the partner working most closely on the project, says: "The station which particularly struck me is Leipzig Hauptbahnhof, where soaring vaults create an extraordinary sense of light and space." On both landside and airside, the terminal roof arches 20 metres out into mid-air, a full half span unsupported from below, creating a sensational overhanging canopy, running the length of the building.

Airport terminals become a nightmare when they fail to address the two extreme situations which air travellers repeatedly have to face — the desperate last-minute dash, perhaps with children, and a long boring wait when departures are delayed.

At Paris Charles de Gaulle, terminal 2a, b, c and d have been designed so that the kerbside drop-off is no more than 50m from the departure gate. The downside is that when the plane is late leaving, passengers can find themselves corralled at the departing gate enclosure with no chance of getting a coffee.

The Rogers partnership intends to deal with this in two ways. First, as at Sir Norman Foster's Stansted airport, passengers will move in near-straight lines from drop-off to check-in through security, passport control and shops to the gate. Second, there will everywhere be an abundance of space, so whatever the crowds or queues people should have free passage.

Few things are more frustrating than to be stuck in an airport on a beautiful sunny day with not a window in sight (Gatwick South is terrible in this respect). At Terminal 5 the Rogers partnership offers 20m-high walls of sheer glass rising from apron level to the roof.

There will also be a large amount of glass in the roof, some 25 per cent more than at Stansted. Large light slots, 12m wide, will let light flood down into the arrivals hall beneath. Mr Young talks about creating a family of buildings at Terminal 5. Instead of the car's-cradle of walkways, Terminal 5 will be a free-standing building linked by a frequent and fast underground shuttle train to satellites.

Mr Young has also thought carefully about the night-time appearance of the terminal. "I dislike buildings that pollute an area at night with glaring light flooding out every which way. At Terminal 5 there will be softer lighting playing up the underside of the roof, making it float like a magic carpet."

The materials for the terminal are not yet decided, but Chris Wise, the engineer at Ove Arup who is working on the project, talks of a "silvered look". "We are thinking of something like an aluminium aircraft wing. Welded stainless steel would be ideal because it is extremely durable and maintenance free."

Inside, the roofs are shown as white. The computer visuals give the impression of stretched fabric, but Mr Wise says it will be "more like an eggshell, very thin and smooth".

At present, some 34 per cent of Heathrow passengers use public transport. At Terminal 5 the intention is that the percentage will rise dramatically. The new direct passenger link to Paddington station, west London will take just 20 minutes and there is a possibility of an extension to the Piccadilly Line.

The problem with all airport terminals is that they start to change even before they are completed, confusing the clarity of the original design. Mr Wise says: "Nobody knows what the next round of EC regulations on immigration will bring, so we have conceived a simple space that can be adapted frequently without losing its character."

If the BAA holds true to the Rogers dream and builds it without diluting its inventive engineeringn Britain will have a new terminal as epoch-making as Saaringen's great terminal at Dulles, Washington DC.

BAA kept faith with Foster at Stansted, but with the new BA administration building at Heathrow, built by BAA, Nicholas Grimshaw was left struggling.

In this age of air travel, a big new terminal is a matter of national prestige. BAA, if it wins approval for Terminal 5, must be tied to building a new terminal that is in every way as elegant, spacious and heroic as the drawings show.

At the bitter end of the runway

The issue of another landing strip must be tackled, says **Chris Lockwood**

There can be few more contentious political issues than that of airport expansion. It took the best part of 30 years for a decision to be made on Stansted as London's third airport, and the creation of London City airport in less than 15 years was nothing short of a miracle.

Given this background it is scarcely surprising that Government finds it hard to select a site for a new runway in the South East of England, despite the fact that all interested parties agree current gateways will be full within seven years.

In February, after protracted discussions and endless lobbying from all sides, Brian Mawhinney, the Secretary of State for Transport, ruled out new runways for Heathrow or Gatwick and effectively put the issue on the back burner. The result, perhaps surprisingly, was a victory for BAA, which has consistently argued against new Heathrow runway capacity and in favour of greater facilities in the shape of Terminal 5.

Given the uphill battle against local anti-noise campaigners and the ever-hardening edge of environmental opinion, BAA could be forgiven for accepting that a new terminal would pass muster more easily than a new runway.

According to Sir John Egan, BAA's chief executive, current passenger demand for the four main South East airports totals 77 million a year, with 51 million choosing Heathrow. By 2016 that demand will have grown to 165 million, based on a modest estimate of 3.5 per cent annual expansion. "In their current form," he says, "the airports in the South East will only be able to meet that growth in demand up to about 2002." From the BAA point of view, Terminal 5 is the answer that obviates the needs for new runways — at least for 10-15 years.

The new terminal, it projects, will be able to increase Heathrow's passenger handling capacity by some 30 million to more than 80 million a year.

An increase in passenger totals without a corresponding expansion of runway space is explained by a belief that larger numbers of passengers will be carried by bigger aircraft in the comparatively near future

Opponents of the Terminal 5 plan would argue that this is a heavy gamble on the development of super-jumbo jets, which currently exist in the realm of hot air and drawing boards rather than actual orders.

British Airways and a handful of other airlines have said that they would need aircraft carrying up to 800 passengers, but their current routes and demands would not require more than 30 of such aircraft worldwide. It is not a number to encourage manufacturers to cut metal.

Aircraft currently using Heathrow carry an average of 126 passengers and use up 82 per cent of the capacity of the two existing runways. This would have to increase to an average of 177 per flight by 2016, with Terminal 5 built and runway use up to 92 per cent of total capacity.

> 'All interested parties agree current gateways will be full within the next seven years'

BAA would be the first to point out that Boeing 747s carry 400-plus, but opponents would argue that the trend to smaller regional and feeder aircraft would bring down the average.

The airport operator's case is based on its proven knowledge that Heathrow is where the airlines want to be, and its major hub status as the world's leading airport for international connections backs up its belief that efforts to ease congestion in the South East must start there.

Virtually every airline serving the UK — regardless of national origin — supports the BAA position, as does the influential guild of business travel agents (GBTA). Paul Allan, of the GBTA, says: "Unless Heathrow's efficiency is continually improved connecting traffic will move elsewhere in Europe, and take with it a lot of the frequencies and direct flights from which British business travellers currently greatly benefit."

The Board of Airline Representatives in the UK (BARUK), which speaks for some 90 British and international carriers serving the country, also endorses the Terminal 5 development while urging government commitment to new runway capacity as well within the next 15 years.

BARUK's chairman, John Patterson, of British Airways, says that Heathrow's runways are already full for long hours during the day and Gatwick is at capacity in peak periods. A new runway in the South East will be needed, he adds, "within the foreseeable strategic planning timescale. Given the long planning and public inquiry periods involved, 2010 may be the soonest that such capacity could be provided."

It is optimistically believed that a new runway from conception to first flight would take at least that length of time if planning work began tomorrow. It will not.

While other, smaller airports argue in vain for a crack at the riches of Heathrow and, to a lesser extent, Gatwick by being feeder gateways, the Government has shelved any key decision and urged the industry to explore ways of making greater use of available runways through better separation, air traffic control refinement and the possible operation of smaller aircraft on strips now used as taxi-ways at Heathrow or the emergency runway at Gatwick.

While the environmentalists and noise-wary residents stringently argue against Terminal 5 at Heathrow or a new runway anywhere on the basis of the "not in my back yard" syndrome, Government pursues another but equally endemic 1990s philosophy: given the length of time involved, and the odd general election, "it will not be my problem".

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NEWS

Mawhinney in line for party post

■ Senior Conservatives are advising John Major to appoint Stephen Dorrell as Health Secretary and Brian Mawhinney as party chairman in a limited reshuffle aimed at moving his two most unpopular ministers out of the firing line.

Virginia Bottomley, under pressure over her handling of the London hospitals shake-up, and Jeremy Hanley, who has endured a short but unhappy period at Conservative Central Office, seem certain to be moved .....Page 1

Labour plans league tables for judges

■ Labour is planning to draw up league tables of judges as part of legal reforms aimed at "sweeping away vested interests and restrictive practices". The proposals include referring the legal profession to the monopolies commission and requiring laywers to provide detailed bills.....Page 1

Police reject guns

Police overwhelmingly rejected the routine arming of officers on the beat. In the largest survey carried out in England and Wales, four out of five officers voted against ..... Page 1

Slimming injection

Scientists are developing an injection for obesity that could replace dieting. The technique is based on a decade of research into antibodies that destroy fat cells in pigs and sheep ..... Page 7

Rail fares pledge

The Government reversed its decade-long policy of above-inflation fare rises for rail travellers, announcing plans to cap fare increases for the next seven years .....Page 2

Cult warrants

Japanese police obtained murder charge arrest warrants for the leader and 20 members of the cult suspected of the subway gas attack that killed 12 people and injured 5,500.....Page 11

Deportation death

Three police officers gagged a Jamaican woman with 13ft of tape while trying to deport her, an Old Bailey jury was told. Joy Gardner was starved of oxygen and died in hospital .....Page 3

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Ten European nations authorised up to 15,000 troops to go on standby as concern increases over the spread of fundamentalism in the Mediterranean ..... Page 13

Imran flies out

Imran Khan and his fiancee Jemima Goldsmith flew to France and said the attitude of both families to their pending marriage was "absolutely fine"..... Page 1

QC's son accused

The public schoolboy son of a leading QC, who became withdrawn after his parents divorced, shot and stabbed a stranger, the Old Bailey was told .....Page 3

Sex tourists plea

Police and Christian Aid appealed to the Government to allow prosecution here of British "sex tourists" who use child prostitutes abroad .....Page 6

Gays in uniform

Ministers and service chiefs were accused in the High Court of pandering to prejudice and intolerance by excluding known homosexuals from the armed forces.....Page 5

Rival to Pill

A contraceptive that claims to combine the advantages of the Pill and the coil but avoids some of their side-effects is available from doctors today.....Page 7

Sleaze convictions

In a day of judgment on the sleaze that stained the late Mitterrand years, two top figures in his former administration were found guilty of corruption..... Page 12

Stamps lead to letter of protest

■ Disputes among nations rarely arise over the humble postage stamp. But Britain has formally protested to Argentina over stamps describing the Falkland Islands as the *Islas Malvinas*. The stamps bear pictures of penguins, elephant seals and ducks from the Falkland Islands above the words *Republica Argentina* .....Page 1

JAMES MORGAN



Children at Stapleford JMI School, Hertfordshire, taking a 35-minute science paper as the first national tests for 11-year-olds began yesterday with virtually none of the disruption threatened against education reforms in the past two years. Report, page 6

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Football: Crystal Palace have parted company with their manager Alan Smith a day after they were relegated. Smith is the eleventh Premiership manager to be sacked this season..... Page 48

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TOMORROW

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Richard Neville (centre) takes an alternative look at the Swinging Sixties

■ FASHION
More dash, less flash: Iain R. Webb on old-style glamour for the modern woman

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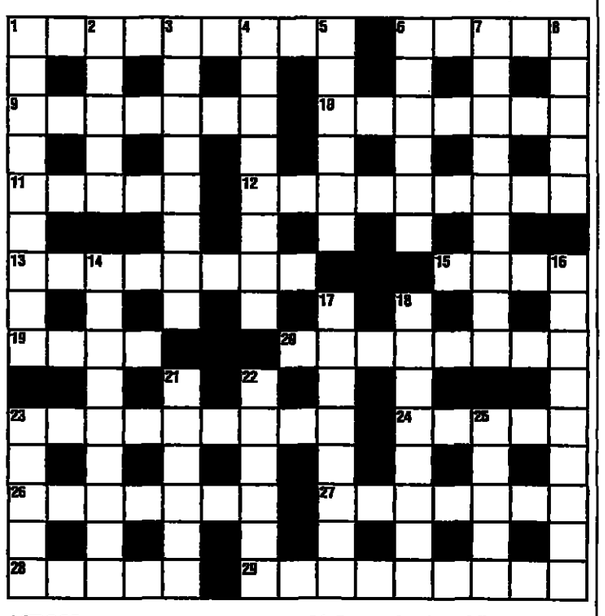
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1 He has a standoffish colleague needing, say, a couple of drinks (5-4).
6 Home-brew elicits two expressions of surprise (5).
9 Give way in bed (7).
10 Field of beans (7).
11 Mill was unusual, having no middle name (5).
12 Just think — you'll be better to do this (9).
13 Sucker's sharp fall (4,4).
15 Do a farmer's job — there may be money in it (4).
19 A little grey otter in river island (4).
20 West Indian group has a supplier of smokes (8).
23 Attacking in writing (9).
24 Sort of bull from John Bull's other island? (5).
26 Servant is a base fellow (7).
27 Vivaldi's *Merchant of Venice*? (7).
28 Weedy, so nervous of football? (5).
29 Conspiracy that may deny access to river (9).

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1 It gives one the right angle in tennis games to get even (3,6).
2 Get up a Midlands waterway (5).
3 Building party using inadequate materials? (6,2).
4 Dislike a translation (8).
5 Travel costs, including round the islands (6).
6 Respect Jack, say (6).
7 Exercise in speech for theatre job (9).
8 Marriage in this state entails an act of contrition (5).
14 Award for excellence in German (4,5).
16 It's hateful at home, so student moves (9).
17 Enticing little swimmers may be a bit evil (4,4).
18 Shiny silver paper left about (8).
21 Make one's way round boundary in very proper fashion (6).
22 Fan's call for prompt victory (6).
23 Presume one sounds warmly dressed (5).
25 Early Christian settlement. I held, was once in Asia Minor (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,855

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Lowestoft, Suffolk, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 8C (43F); highest rainfall: Newcastle upon Tyne, 0.24in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 14.2hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start rather cloudy. Outbreaks of rain in the southwest will spread northeastwards during the day, turning heavy at times, especially in the north. Southern counties will become brighter later with the chance of thundery showers.

Northern and central Scotland will have wintry showers by day but be generally dry in the evening. Southern Scotland and Northern Ireland will become cloudy with outbreaks of rain, turning heavy at times.

☐ **London, S E England, Central S England, Channel Isles, S W England:** showery outbreaks of rain at times, becoming brighter later in afternoon. Wind east, becoming south, moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **E Anglia, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales:** showery outbreaks, clearer spells during evening. Wind east, becoming southeast, moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **E England, N Wales, N W England, Lake District, Central N England, N E England:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Wind northeast, becoming southeast, moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** showers turning more prolonged in afternoon. Wind northeast, moderate. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny intervals and showers, wintry over high ground. Wind northeast, moderate. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook:** cloud and rain clearing tomorrow, then clear spells and showers.

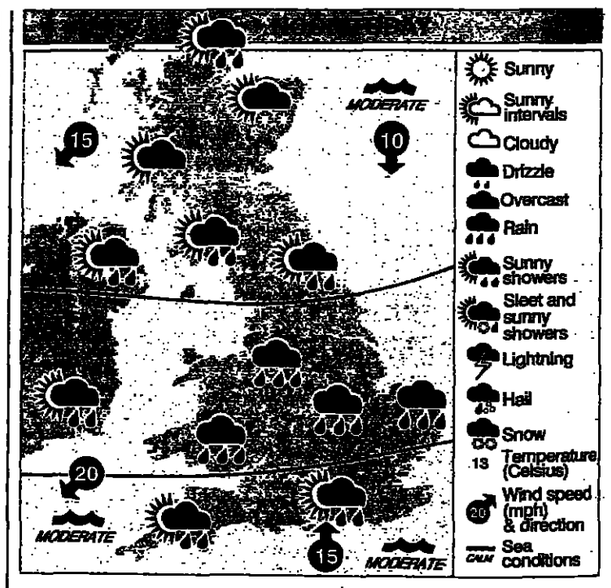
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Aberdeen	7.5	0.06	8	46	h	London	9.5	-	13	55	s
Anglesey	13.9	-	12	54	s	LowestoR	10.2	-	16	61	sh
Aspatria	5.5	0.22	10	50	sh	Manchester	X	-	13	55	s
Aviemore	6.4	0.22	7	45	sn	Margate	12.9	-	15	59	s
Belfast	6.9	0.13	11	52	h	Minehead	12.6	-	12	54	s
Birmingham	9.7	-	13	55	b	Morecambe	9.5	-	11	52	b
Bognor R	11.0	-	13	55	s	Newcastle	4.2	0.24	9	48	sh
Bournem'th	X					Newquay	12.8	-	12	54	s
Bristol	7.9	-	13	55	b	Norwich	11.7	-	12	54	b
Buxton	9.0	-	10	50	b	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	11.1	-	13	55	s	Oxford	8.9	-	13	55	s
Clacton	7.3	-	13	55	s	Penzance	12.3	-	13	55	s
Colwyn Bay	12.0	-	13	55	s	Plymouth	6.0	-	12	54	b
Cromer	X					Poole	7.2	-	16	59	b
Doncaster	8.4	-	14	57	s	Prestatyn	X	-	13	55	s
Eastbourne	X					Ross-o-wye	6.8	-	13	55	s
Edinburgh	7.1	-	10	50	sh	Ryde	8.5	-	13	55	b
Eskdalemuir	3.2	0.10	9	48	sh	Scarborough	8.5	-	13	55	b
Exmouth	X					Sandown	10.8	-	14	57	s
Falmouth	X	-	13	55	c	Saunton Snd	10.9	-	13	55	s
Fishguard	12.1	-	10	50	s	Scarboro'	5.5	0.19	9	48	r
Folkestone	12.2	-	13	55	s	Scilly Isles	X				
Glasgow	6.2	0.01	11	52	c	Shrewsbury	9.9	-	13	55	b
Guernsey	13.9	-	14	57	s	Skegness	12.0	-	13	55	b
Hastings	11.5	-	13	55	s	Southend	X	-	13	55	s
Hayling I.	10.1	-	14	57	s	Southport	13.8	-	11	52	s
Herne Bay	12.1	-	14	57	s	Southsea	10.0	-	13	55	s
Hove	8.8	0.01	13	55	b	Stornoway	7.1	0.03	8	46	h
Hunstanton	9.6	-	13	55	s	Swanage	9.1	-	13	55	s
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	4.2	-	12	54	c
Isle of Man	10.3	0.02	12	54	b	Tenby	9.4	-	13	55	s
Jersey	14.2	-	15	59	s	Tiree	6.5	0.07	8	46	s
Kinloss	7.6	0.18	8	46	sh	Torquay	X				
Leeds	7.5	-	12	54	b	Tynemouth	X				
Lerwick	8.6	0.18	7	45	sn	Ventnor	11.8	-	13	55	s
Leuchars	8.4	0.12	11	52	sh	West-s-mare	X				
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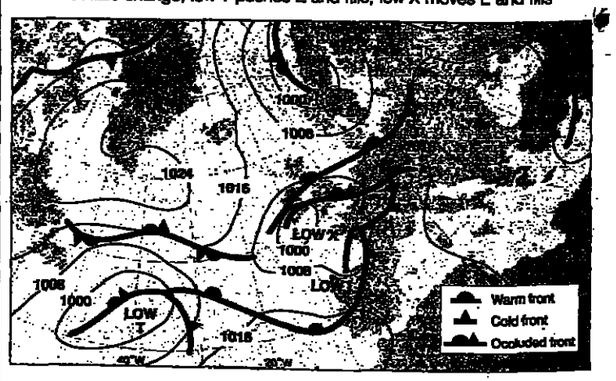
These are Sunday's figures

Ajaccio	17	63	s	C'phagn	9	48	f	Madrid	23	73	s	Riyadh	36	97	s
Akrotiri	24	75	s	Corfu	18	64	f	Majorca	22	72	s	Rome	18	64	f
Alex'dria	23	73	s	Dublin	10	50	r	Malaga	21	70	s	Salzburg	13	55	f
Algiers	28	82	s	Dubrovnik	15	59	f	Malta	21	70	s	S Prteo	16	61	f
Amst'dm	13	55	s	Faro	25	77	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c	S Paulo	25	77	f
Athens	23	73	s	Florence	19	66	c	Mexico C	28	82	s	Seoul	20	68	r
Bahrain	33	91	s	Frankfurt	14	57	c	Miami	32	90	s	Sing'por	33	91	f
Bangkok	33	91	c	Funchal	22	72	f	Milan	17	63	f	St'kholm	4	39	f
Barbados	31	88	f	Geneva	11	52	s	Montreal	21	70	s	Strasb'rg	14	57	s
Barcelona	17	63	s	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Moscow	25	77	f	Sydney	19	66	s
Beirut	23	73	s	Helsinki	6	43	r	Munich	13	55	f	Tangier	25	77	s
Belgrade	12	54	f	Hong K	27	81	f	Nairobi	22	72	f	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Berlin	13	55	c	Innsbruck	14	57	s	Naples	17	63	f	Tenerife	25	77	s
Bermuda	20	68	f	Istanbul	20	68	f	N Delhi	39	102	s	Tokyo	19	66	r
Biarritz	17	63	r	Jeddah	39	102	s	N York	18	64	s	Toronto	23	73	c
Borde'x	9	48	f	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Nice	18	64	f	Tunis	22	72	s
Brussels	12	54	c	Karachi	21	70	s	Oslo	7	45	f	Valencia	22	72	s
Budapst	14	57	f	L Palmas	23	73	s	Paris	15	59	f	Vanc'ver	17	63	f
B Aires	17	63	r	Le Toquet	13	55	f	Peking	28	79	s	Venice	14	57	c
Cairo	33	91	s	Lisbon	20	68	c	Perth	20	68	s	Vienna	12	54	c
Cape Tn	29	84	s	Locarno	17	63	c	Prague	12	54	f	Warsaw	9	48	c
Chicago	19	66	c	L Angels	15	61	s	Reykjavik	5	41	s	Wash'ton	14	57	c
Ch'church	18	64	-	Luxembg	10	50	c	Rhodes	21	70	s	Wel'ngton	16	61	c
Cologne	13	55	f	Luxor	40	104	s	Rio de J	24	75	f	Zurich	11	52	s

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to chart below from noon: low I drifts E and fills; low P moves slowly with little change; low T pushes E and fills; low X moves E and fills



TIDE TIMES

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London Bridge	2:23	7.49	2:50	7.36	Leith	3:10	5.85	3:33	5.98
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Holyhead	11:05	5.85	11:25	5.91	Southampton	11:34	4.75	11:54	4.79
Hull	6:56	7.70	7:20	7.82	Swansea	7:03	9.90	7:25	10.00
Ilfracombe	6:40	9.63	7:04	9.74	Tees	4:13	5.63	4:43	5.60
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Manchester 9.04 pm to 5.08 am
Penzance 9.03 pm to 5.34 am

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Banks pressured into adopting mortgage standard

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

BRITISH banks are to adopt an industry standard for mortgage lending to protect customers after pressure from the Office of Fair Trading and other lenders.

The independent committee that is reviewing the code of banking practice wants banks to follow the lead set by the Council of Mortgage Lenders and agree to adopt a code that would require them to act in the best interests of their borrowers.

The OFT has been particularly concerned about the way that endowment mortgages are sold. At the end of last month, Sir Bryan Carsberg, Director-General of Fair Trading, asked the Government to introduce legislation to control the selling of mortgages, suggesting that their sales should be regulated by the Financial Services Act.

Sir Bryan said he was concerned that sales of endowment mortgages might be unduly influenced by sales commissions. The Act requires advisers to act in the best interests of borrowers. Banks have resisted pressure to adopt a code of best practice for mortgage lending. Last year Sir Bryan criticised them for failing to introduce rules on the sale of mortgages in the revised *Code of Banking Practice* published in February. Last November banks reacted to criticism from the OFT and consumer groups with a series of guidelines for selling mortgage products, to be implemented next month.

But the committee has indicated it now expects them to go further. It has started its second review of the code, a process expected to take two years. The next version, including rules on mortgage sales, will therefore come into force in 1997. Martin Karmel, committee secretary, said it did not include mortgage selling in the code when it was revised last year since "nobody had made it a big issue." Since then, he said, the OFT has published its report.

Tim Sweeney, director-general of the British Bankers' Association (BBA), said yesterday the review committee believes the code should include an industry standard on mortgage sales. He said: "It would make sense, if an industry position can be achieved, for that to be integrated in the code of banking practice."

The BBA had hoped to persuade the CML to endorse its "Guidelines for Mortgage Choice", but the CML, whose members include banks as well as building societies, was convinced that the only way to persuade members to comply with "best practice" rules was through a code of practice.

Mr Sweeney said: "It seems sensible for them to take the lead on moving the issue forward." He added there were no immediate plans to revise the BBA's guidelines in the light of comments made by Sir Bryan. Mr Sweeney said he was disappointed that last month's OFT report on mortgage payment methods failed to mention the BBA guidelines which, he said, had been welcomed by Sir Bryan at that time.

Lloyds Bank said the bank was committed to following the BBA guidelines and "if it is codified we would be very happy to see that happen." A Barclays spokesman said the bank fully supports the BBA mortgage guidelines and if mortgage selling rules are included in the next version of the code "I would not have thought that this would be a problem."

ADT to sell European car centres

By Philip Pangalos

ADT, the world's largest car auction company, plans to sell its European auction houses. Some analysts expect them to fetch up to $350 million.

The Bermuda-registered company, which is run from Boca Raton on Florida's east coast, has 57 auction centres around the world, of which 25 are in the UK and three on the European mainland.

The company, headed by Michael Ashcroft, has already appointed SG Warburg to find a "suitable purchaser" for its UK and European vehicle auction operations and has opted for a trade sale rather than a flotation of the division.

After the proposed sale of the car auction businesses, which in the year to March 31 generated operating profits of $37 million (£23.7 million), about 80 per cent of ADT's net sales and operating income will come from electronic security services.

Industry analysts were unclear last night as to the likely value of the auction business, but some more optimistic estimates were suggesting that it could fetch as much as $350 million.

The company handles millions of vehicles every year, selling nearly half a million in the UK alone last year. It has done much to improve the image of car auctions over recent years, helped by the introduction of vehicle checks and warranties.

The announcement of the sale plan accompanied results for the first quarter of 1995. ADT's net operating income advanced to $60.4 million ($57 million) in the quarter as sales rose to $373 million ($336 million).

Net operating income from the car auctions arm slipped to $24.6 million ($26 million) on sales of $112.3 million ($98.1 million).

The number of cars sold through ADT's auction houses in America fell by 5 per cent because manufacturers have been releasing fewer cars, reflecting recent increases in short-term interest rates and new car prices. But, in the UK, the volume of cars sold was about 6 per cent higher than in last year's first quarter.

Mr Ashcroft, ADT's chairman and chief executive, said that the proposed sale of the car auctions operations was aimed at enhancing shareholder value in the medium term.

Electronic security services, principally in the US, are seen to offer the greatest potential for future growth, especially on the back of growing concern about rising crime in the residential market.

"We expect that this strategic development of assets will enhance the potential for a higher rate of future growth," Mr Ashcroft added.

ADT said that the its electronic security services division contributed about 75 per cent of total revenues. Residential sales rose by 24 per cent last year. ADT has more than 650,000 customers worldwide, with 90 per cent in North America.

Since 1988, when the group launched its residential security programme, sales have grown annually at about 44 per cent.

Seasoned City followers of Mr Ashcrofts's past deals remained sceptical last night. Many still regard him as a corporate buccaneer and point to his past investments in the likes of Lep Group, Blue Arrow and Christies International.

In London, the shares closed 7p higher at 735p.

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Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, raises his glass with Chinese officials and businessmen in Peking to mark the signing of a £25 million deal (Jon Ashworth writes).

Heseltine toasts brewing success

The deal will enable Bass, Britain's biggest brewer, to break into the Chinese beer market through a joint venture with Ginsber Beer Group, of Jilin province, to produce and sell Tennent's Lager. It is the first substantial local investment by a British brewer, and one of the first to emerge from this week's trade mission led by Mr Heseltine.

China is the world's second-largest beer market, after the US, yet per-capita consumption is barely a tenth of European levels, although growing by 20 per cent a year. Sir Ian Prosser, chairman of Bass, said the fragmented state of the market offered considerable opportunities for growth and consolidation.

Tate & Lyle, the sweeteners group, separately signed a £9.5 million joint venture with a glutamate factory in Guangzhou through a French associate, and BOC, the chemicals and gases group, announced the creation of a new industrial gases company in Liaoning province. Others, including BT, Zeneca and Rolls-Royce, are expected to announce similar deals today.

Mr Heseltine, who flies to Shanghai tomorrow, said he expected "phenomenal" export opportunities to arise from the weeklong visit.

Tunnel revenues improve

EUROTUNNEL, operator of the cross-Channel rail link, drew in £49.6 million of revenue in the first quarter of 1995, in line with internal forecasts made in the company's annual report (George Sivell writes).

Revenue has risen a little from the fourth quarter of 1994, when it reached £30.6 million. No comparison with the first quarter of 1994 is possible because of delays to the Tunnel's commercial services, which only began in the second quarter of last year.

The Tunnel only began carrying fare-paying passengers in November 1994, although passenger services on the Eurostar trains from London to Paris and Brussels and the Folkestone-Calais car shuttle are gradually being stepped up.

In addition, Eurotunnel said payments of £30.9 million for the first quarter of 1995 were receivable under the contract with the French and British rail companies using the Tunnel, although they are not accounted for as earned revenue.

Shares in Eurotunnel, which have been volatile because of the series of delays, legal battles and refinancing measures that have bedevilled the project, yesterday fell 5p to 198p.

Tesco chief's pay tops £1m



MacLaurin: 27.5% rise

By Sarah Bagnall

THE pay of Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman of Tesco, crossed the £1 million barrier last year, coinciding with the supermarket group's toppling of rival J Sainsbury to become Britain's biggest packaged grocer.

Sir Ian's pay rose 27.5 per cent from £794,000 to top £1 million, helped by performance-related bonuses of £334,000, up from £159,000 last time. Over the same period, the supermarket group's pre-tax profits rose from £528 million to £595 million. The highest paid director of Sainsbury, the most profitable retailer, received £466,000 in 1993 and David Sainsbury, chairman and chief executive, received £350,000.

Tesco also made pension fund contributions on Sir Ian's behalf of £169,000, up from £151,000 last time. During the year, Sir Ian realised a further £474,000 through exercising 808,671 share options. No options were exercised in the previous year. Sir Ian entered the current year with more than 1 million share options and 273,969 Tesco shares. The rise in Sir Ian's pay partly reverses its fall over the past four years from a high of £1.48 million.

☐ Peter Sherlock, former chief executive of the NFC transport and logistics group, has won compensation of £585,000 for loss of office, his second payout in less than three years. He received £395,000 when he stepped down as chief executive of Holiday Inn Worldwide in 1992. He held each position for about 18 months.

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PIA refuses membership to seven firms of advisers

By Anne Ashworth

SEVEN firms of financial advisers have been barred from membership of the watchdog body, the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), preventing them from carrying on investment business.

To date, the PIA, which has taken over the responsibilities of the life insurance watchdog, Lautro, and the financial advisers' body, Fimbra, has accepted 3,859 firms, but a further 1,230 applications are still being examined.

The PIA would not disclose yesterday on what grounds it has rejected the seven firms.

Six of the seven were authorised by Fimbra, butthat authorisation has been taken away. The six were: Robin Arnold of Bristol; AM George Insurance Consultant of Egbaston, Birmingham; D&AJ Hind of Exeter; J&J Insurance & Financial Consultants, Ealing, London W5; Lawson & Dixon of Newcastle Upon Tyne and John Stewart of Bulkington, Warwickshire. The seventh is Andrew Smith of Inverness.

Pressure grows for increase in rates

By George Sivell

RISING inflationary pressure on industry during April, apparent from factory gate prices announced yesterday, will force the Chancellor to raise interest rates, economists said.

Output prices during April rose 0.4 per cent, the same as March, but the year-on-year rate edged up from 3.8 to 4 per cent. The pressure on industry was highlighted by a leap in input prices of 0.7 per cent, compared with March's 0.2 per cent. The annual rate of input price rises remains unchanged at 11.5 per cent.

The Treasury, however, backed the Chancellor's view that the economy is showing signs of slowing. Officials argued that the three-month, annualised rate of output price inflation had slowed from 5.1 per cent in the quarter ending in March to 4.7 per cent in the quarter ending in April.

Analysts are concerned about the pound's weakness during April and early May, which has yet to feed through into prices. The Bank of England maintained in last week's *Inflation Report* that if interest rates were not raised then underlying inflation would not meet the lower half of the Government's 1-4 per cent target range in early 1997.

Andrew Milligan, chief economist at New Japan Securities, said the input price data in particular would reinforce speculation that the Chancellor would have to change his mind on interest rates in June or July, if forthcoming retail sales data were "sufficiently strong to give him excuses for doing so without losing face".

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3310.7	(+0.4)
Yield	4.14%	
FT-SE A All share	1625.18	(+1.22)
Nikkei	16606.70	(+188.94)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4442.32	(+11.75)*
S&P Composite	527.10	(+1.55)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6¼%	(6⅛%)
Long Bond	108²⁹/₃₂*	(107²⁶/₃₂)
Yield	6.95%*	(6.99%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6¾%	(6¾%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	105¹¹/₃₂	(105¹³/₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5662*	(1.5695)
London:		
$	1.5675	(1.5715)
DM	2.2515	(2.2713)
FFr	7.9300	(7.9440)
SFr	1.8908	(1.8935)
Yen	135.95	(136.84)
£ Index	84.1	(84.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4443*	(1.4480)
FFr	5.0600*	(5.0710)
SFr	1.2085*	(1.2060)
Yen	86.84*	(86.75)
$ Index	89.9	(89.7)

Tokyo close Yen 87.45

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jul).. $18.20 ($17.90)

GOLD

London close $383.95 ($383.45)

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API Group edges up to £3.3m

API Group, the packaging, coatings and office consumables company, narrowly improved operating margins to 7.5 per cent from 7.3 per cent in the first half despite big raw material price rises.

In the six months to April 1, the company increased pre-tax profits to £3.3 million from £3.02 million, lifting earnings to 10.78p a share from 9.55p. The interim dividend rises to 4.07p a share from 3.7p and will paid on July 3. Michael Smith, chief executive, said a strong order book, recent acquisitions and internal investment provided good prospects for the full year.

Diploma ahead

Diploma, the industrial holding company, is lifting the interim dividend to 4.5p a share from 4p after a rise in pre-tax profits to £13.5 million from £11.5 million in the half year to March 31. The interim dividend will be paid on July 4 from earnings of 15.5p a share, up from 13.3p. Turnover of £107.5 million compared with £90.1 million previously.

Abacus at £3m

Abacus, the distributor of electronic components, raised pre-tax profits in the half-year to March 31 to £3.1 million from £2 million and earnings improved to 5.9p a share from 4.6p. The interim dividend rises to 1.6p a share from 1.1p, to be paid on July 27.

Platinum high

Platinum, which traded at a four-year high of $459 an ounce on April 5, is likely to range between $420 and $470 an ounce for the rest of 1995, Johnson Matthey's annual *Platinum* survey, published yesterday, forecasts. In 1994, world demand for platinum rose 11 per cent to 4.51 million ozs, while supplies rose 3 per cent to 4.53 million ozs.

Sun Healthcare buys into Ashbourne



Tom Hamilton, chief executive of Ashbourne. The company now has a 15 per cent long-term American shareholder

BY MARTIN BARROW

SUN Healthcare Group, a long-term care provider in America, has acquired a 15 per cent interest in Ashbourne, the UK nursing home company, at a cost of about £12 million. Sun, which acquired the shares from funds managed by Electra Kingsway, said it intends to be "a supportive, long-term shareholder." The investment is worth 150p a share.

At the same time Quality Care Homes, an Ashbourne competitor, revealed that a subsidiary of Sun Healthcare had made a conditional approach. However, Duncan Bannatyne, the chairman, had indicated he was not prepared to accept the offer, potentially worth 330p a share, in respect of not less than 60 per cent of the company, a condition of the bid.

Yesterday Ashbourne reported £3.1 million (£400,00) taxable profit for the half year to April 2. The maiden interim is 1.1p. Ashbourne shares rose 13p to 153p.

Dow Corning files for bankruptcy protection

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

DOW CORNING, once America's leading maker of breast implants, has filed for federal bankruptcy protection because of lawsuits over the implants.

The company, a joint venture of Dow Chemical and Corning Inc, filed under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code but insisted that its underlying business remains strong. The bankruptcy action was filed in the US District Court in Bay City, Michigan.

Hundreds of thousands of women who received the breast implants have sued their manufacturers, saying the implants have caused them a variety of ailments, including lupus and hardening of the breasts.

The federal Food and Drug Administration has banned use of the implants for patients who want them strictly for cosmetic reasons. Dow Corning said it hopes the bankruptcy filing will allow it to remain part of the global settlement of some of the suits. The filing freezes all lawsuits against the company.

Dow Corning has stopped making implants, but contends they are safe. It and other makers of the implants face billions of dollars in damages. Dow Corning's continuing operations remain strong, but the lawsuits threatened its economic health.

Richard Hazleton, chairman and chief executive officer, said in a news release: "Dow Corning will continue to supply products to our customers, and compensate our suppliers and employees as we have in the past."

A $4.2 billion worldwide settlement of about 400,000 implant cases was approved last year by a US district judge in Birmingham, Alabama, but about 11,000 women chose to file separate lawsuits against the manufacturers.

Dow Corning has pledged $2 billion to the settlement, but the company could lose billions more in the other cases. In addition, talks are under way to expand the global settlement, and Dow Corning and other manufacturers might have to increase their contributions.

Mr Hazleton said: "We decided to take this action while we are in a position of financial strength, with the cash to continue operating our business without disruption."

Jeffrey Cianci, an analyst with Bear Stearns and Co in New York, said that the filing was no surprise. "It's obvious it was coming based on the global settlement getting renegotiated," he said.

Stanley Chesley, a lawyer who helped negotiate the court settlement with Dow Corning on behalf of thousands of women, yesterday said the filing will not allow the company to escape its obligation to pay women covered under the settlement. "They have the assets to do it," Mr Chesley said. "We are their largest creditor, the women of America I represent."

The company said scientific evidence continues to support its claim that the breast implants are safe.

UK power firms bid in Australia

BY RACHEL BRIDGE

TWO British electricity companies have joined the takeover race for United Energy, Australia's first electricity privatisation candidate. Southern Electric and Scottish Power are both understood to have bid for the electricity distribution company, expected to carry a price tag of about A$1.2 billion (£540 million). There are more than 20 other contestants.

Southern Electric has joined forces with local gas distribution company Australian Gas Light in a 50/50 joint venture, while Scottish Power has bid alone but is understood to be planning to seek an Australian partner.

The sale marks the first step in the Victoria state government's A$15 billion sell-off of its electricity industry. The four remaining distribution companies are due to be sold by the end of this year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Smith & Nephew buys US instrument maker

SMITH & NEPHEW, the international healthcare group, is strengthening its position as the world's largest maker of keyhole surgery instruments with the £90 million purchase of Acufex, of America. Acufex, which is being bought from American Home Products Corporation, designs and makes a range of products, such as hand-held surgical instruments and soft tissue fixation devices, used in minimally invasive surgery procedures. It is the market leader in the manufacture of instruments for ligament repair, complementing Smith & Nephew's market leadership in cartilage repair.

The acquisition is being funded out of existing banking facilities and no debt is being taken on. Acufex, which is based in Massachusetts, has 319 employees and made an operating profit of £4.5 million on sales of £35 million in 1994. It had net assets of £19 million.

CI agrees to £20m bid

CI GROUP, the Wolverhampton engineer, has agreed to a £19.9 million takeover bid from Ash & Lacy, the West Midlands metal products group. The offer is on the basis of ten new Ash & Lacy shares and 372.6p for every 81 CI shares, with a mix and match election, valuing each CI share at 23p. Ash & Lacy reported strong sales and profits in the first quarter of the current year. CI shares gained 4p to 22p, while Ash & Lacy eased 4p to 145p. Tempus, page 28

Axe for 26 Texas stores

J SAINSBURY, the supermarket group, is to shut 26 Texas Homecare stores, less than half of those originally earmarked for closure when it acquired the 241-strong DIY chain in January. The company is also closing two of its 82 Homebase stores. The 28 stores employ 866 people, but the level of redundancies is not yet clear as some staff may be redeployed to Sainsbury's supermarket and Savacentre businesses or the 14 Homebase stores planned to open this year.

Fine Decor tumbles

FINE DECOR, the manufacturer and supplier of wallcoverings and co-ordinated products, suffered a decline in profits to £2.15 million before tax last year from £3.03 million. However, the company has increased the total dividend to 7.7p a share from 7.5p. Sales have improved in the first three months of the current year, the company said, and first half profits were likely to compare favourably with the second half of last year. Fine Decor shares fell 21½p to 127½p.

Fenner to treble payout

FENNER, the electronic controls and power transmission group, is recommending a threefold increase in its interim dividend to 1.5p (0.5p) after improved margins and increased sales helped first-half profits to advance by 90 per cent. Improved economic activity and gains in market share enabled pre-tax profits to jump to £5.51 million in the half year to February 28, up from last time's £2.91 million, which was depressed by a £2 million exceptional charge.

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Imro to impose individual fines for rule-breaking

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF


Thorpe: protecting investors

THE Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) is set to introduce fines for individuals involved in breaking its rules. Until now, companies have been fined for misdemeanours, but the regulator intends by the autumn to make individual salesmen and others within investment companies responsible for their actions.

The regulator, which had a 50 per cent rise in the number of complaints about its members last year, had 84 investigations in progress at the end of the year. Some of these could lead to individual fines and even prosecutions.

Imro is tightening its punishment regime at a time when the Personal Investment Authority, which regulates those firms that sell directly to investors, is planning to move from fines for companies to compulsory advertisements detailing any wrongdoing. In its regulatory plan and performance indicators, published yesterday, Imro has set itself the target of higher standards of "regulatory effectiveness and investor protection".

It will process applications from investment firms more quickly and will follow up new members with an inspection visit within the first 12 months. Last year, only one new member was referred to the enforcement division in the first 12 months of membership. That number was likely to rise with a commitment to more inspections, but would also result in better investor protection, Philip Thorpe, chief executive of Imro, said.

The regulator will also be reviewing the categories of business that firms are permitted to undertake and will pay particular attention to what use investment managers make of derivatives.

Of the 84 cases being investigated at the end of the year some 30 involved pension transfers, but none of these is likely to involve an individual fine. Imro recently removed the maximum on fines so there would be no limit on the amount individuals could be forced to pay.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.08
Austria Sch	17.01	15.51
Belgium Fr	49.79	45.49
Canada $	2.233	2.073
Cyprus Cypt.	0.756	0.701
Denmark Kr	8.48	8.68
Finland Mkk	7.50	6.85
France Fr	8.41	7.76
Germany Dm	2.43	2.22
Greece Dr	384.00	359.00
Hong Kong $	12.79	11.79
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.2574	4.5074
Italy Lira	2725.00	2570.00
Japan Yen	151.00	135.00
Malta	0.603	0.548
Netherlds Gld	2.701	2.471
Norway Kr	10.70	9.90
Portugal Esc	250.50	232.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.33
Spain Pta	204.50	191.50
Sweden Kr	12.18	11.38
Switzerland Fr	2.03	1.85
Turkey Lira	refer	64155.0
USA $	1.668	1.538

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Reject Shop in crisis talks

THE Reject Shop, the loss-making subsidiary of Upton & Southern, is locked in crisis talks with its bankers and other parties in a bid to stave off financial disaster.

Upton & Southern, the department store group, acquired 31 Reject Shops last February for £2.3 million.

Last month the company revealed that The Reject Shop had made a £1 million operating loss in the six months to January 29, which resulted in the group making a £1.1 million loss overall, compared to a £92,000 profit last time. According to the group's latest accounts, Upton & Southern have guaranteed £500,000 of The Reject Shop's bank debt.



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At the end of the quarter, the Group's inventories amounted to 25.6 percent (29.6) of total sales. The return on capital employed for the 12-month period ended on March 31 st 1995 was 14.9 percent (6.8).

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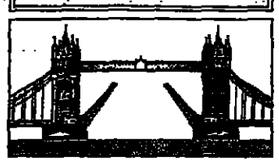
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☐ Railtrack's sale should be shelved ☐ Labour targets the institutions ☐ Beating lawsuits with bankruptcy

Keeping it on the rails

PENNINGTON



☐ TWO years ago, Roger Freeman, then Transport Minister, said that capping rail fares "would mean the taxpayer having to provide more money for subsidies to British Rail and a bigger burden on the taxpayer". Mr Freeman has since moved on, but there is no reason to doubt his conclusion. That need not damn the decision to limit fare rises for the next seven years. Indeed, the fare cap is a useful step towards making rail privatisation work.

Rises in season ticket prices and standard fares will be pegged to the retail price index for the first three years. After that, they must rise no faster than RPI-1 per cent. If service standards improve markedly, however, rail operators may put fares up 2 per cent more: if standards fall, operators could face a 2 per cent penalty.

Roger Salmon, the franchise director, will invite bids from private companies for the first three franchises tomorrow. The winners should be those that offer the highest levels of service for the lowest subsidy, in each of the next seven years. But they will face high risks under the new structure. Applicants are therefore unlikely to put up much capital, especially as they do not need to finance many operating assets. Most of their costs are fixed, primarily in payments to Railtrack and the train leasing companies. If price flexibility is ruled out too, risks appear to be even greater, enhancing the chances either of failure or embarrassingly spectacular returns.

Paradoxically, however, the fare cap will limit operational gearing and financial risk to the extent that it is reflected in higher initial subsidies. That will give operators more freedom to experiment with fare packages and services in the unregulated parts of their business.

So long as Railtrack remains in public ownership, the net impact on the Exchequer will be limited too. The biggest savings from reform should, after all, be achieved by Railtrack outsourcing maintenance and modernisation work. If Railtrack stays in taxpayers' hands until the bulk of these economies have been won, it might ultimately command a price sufficient to recoup much of the bloated early-year subsidies. But if ministers maintain their determination to sell it next spring, a scandal looms. Uncertainty will prevent the Government achieving a sensible price. Meantime, there is no mechanism to tighten price caps, or to reduce subsidy schedules, for seven years. If the opportunity for efficiency improvements is underestimated — as in every other utility privatisation — the furore over the profitability of regional electricity companies will seem like a Sunday school picnic.

The credibility of Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, rests on him shelving the sale of Railtrack, to concentrate on making these radical reforms a success. Otherwise, Mr Freeman's remark may become Dr Mawhinney's political epitaph.

Labour threatens fund managers

☐ NIGEL GRIFFITHS, Shadow Trade and Industry Minister, clearly believes in the formulation of policy on the run. Until now Labour has tiptoed relatively carefully through the tulips of corporate governance but British Gas, the ultimate political football, has proved irresistible and Griffiths, conceivably attracted by the prospect of a floodlit AGM, is having his kicks.

Griffiths' essential message to City institutions appears to be that if they do not vote in favour of a resolution put forward by Pirc, a corporate governance consultancy, this will be borne in mind by Tony Blair & Co come a future Labour Government.

Pirc is responsible for "Resolution 13" which calls upon British Gas to "revise its remuneration policy for executives in line with standards of best practice" and report back to shareholders. A carefully worded, low-key proposal which, in reality, is not far short of a no confidence motion. Richard Giordano, British Gas's chairman, recently wrote to institutions arguing that directors' pay "fully meets current best practice" and therefore any review "would only lead to the same conclusion".

Such lobbying by Pirc and British Gas — all good stuff — will presumably continue during the run up to the AGM on May 31. But Labour's intervention has raised eyebrows, not least among fund managers who perceive Mr Griffiths' style to be long on threats and short on debate.

Mr Griffiths has warned that British Gas's AGM will be a major test for City institutions. Last week he proclaimed: "This is their chance to show that they can be trusted to take action at companies when it matters." Just for good measure he added: "How these fund managers act at the annual meeting will greatly influence how we frame legislation [on corporate governance] for the future."

Mr Griffiths' crawl around the prawn cocktail circuit is ongoing with the likes of the Association of British Insurers pencilled in for this week and the NAPF and MAM in his sights. Perhaps someone should explain to Mr Griffiths that the institutions do not like to tinker. By and large they either support managements or gun them down.

Settling for an imperfect world

☐ DOW CORNING'S bankruptcy suit may prove a catalyst for a change of attitudes. It was provoked by a legal impasse over what the company claims are "exorbitant demands". But what is reasonable?

Sybil Gooldrich, one of many women suing over breast implants once made by the joint venture, argues: "It is tragic that the American way of doing business now is that as soon as you injure somebody you go out of business." Richard Hazleton, Dow Corning's chairman, seems to confirm the suspicion: "We decided to take this action while we are in a position of financial strength, with the cash to continue operating our business without disruption."

Chapter 11 of America's bankruptcy code is extreme in protecting businesses. Yet similar issues press in Britain in anything from auditing to tobacco, where law fails to draw clear lines between blame and ability to pay when things go terribly wrong.

KPMG, the second biggest UK accounting firm, is likely to pioneer incorporation of auditing businesses to limit liability. Auditors and their insurers are often the only ones able to pay in cases of joint and several liability, regardless of the spread of blame.

Where large groups claim terrible medical damage from products, that damage is often unquantifiable. But that does not mean the sky is the limit or that infinite resources are available, as Lloyd's names have discovered. Practical, imperfect, settlements must be agreed, for limited liability ultimately means just that.

Utility moggy

☐ FANCY being a fat-cat? Then don't aim to run a utility, for all the repetitive Labour hype. Utilities dominate Britain's top 100 companies. *The Sunday Times* list of the 500 richest people, from £2.5 billion to £25 million, tells another story. It is full of titled landowners, retail moguls, developers, electronics entrepreneurs and showbiz folk. But search in vain for utility chiefs or other "fat-cat" managers.

Nynex presses ahead with £400m float

BY ERIC REGULY

NYNEX CableComms, the second largest cable group, is pushing ahead with its flotation in spite of market jitters that have hit the share prices of two rival operators.

Nynex, wholly owned by Nynex Corporation, a regional telephone operator in New York and New England, said the flotation will raise between £400 million and £460 million through the sale of 305 million shares. The shares, priced between 131p and 151p, will start trading on June 9 on the London and Nasdaq markets.

There had been speculation that the company would postpone the flotation until the autumn, in order to distance itself from General Cable's disastrous initial public offering last month.

General, controlled by Compagnie Générale des Eaux of France, had intended to float its shares between 220p and 255p. At the last minute, it had to cut the price to 190p to ensure their placement among sceptical investors. The shares have sunk since then. Shares of TeleWest Communications, the largest cable company, have also fallen from their 182p flotation price in November.

Eugene Connell, Nynex's chief executive, said the company is going ahead because there is no guarantee the market will be any more receptive in the autumn.

Nynex said it will launch its shares at a discount to TeleWest's price. At 131p, the low end of the range, Nynex shares would represent a discount of 22 per cent to the TeleWest price of 156p on Friday, based on a "franchise value per home" calculation.

James Dodd, an analyst with Kleinwort Benson, said that Nynex's proposed share price range, in spite of the discount to TeleWest's, may not be enough to win over investors. He notes that Nynex, on a relative basis, is cheaper only than TeleWest. If investors want more cable stock, they may opt instead for any of the five other listed cable companies with lower premiums.

Nynex also suffers from high "churn", or disconnection rates. In the 12 months to the end of March, the company lost 32 per cent of its cable-TV customers, up from 31 per cent in 1994. Mr Connell said: "It's a very, very expensive phenomenon. I'm not very satisfied with 32 per cent churn." He expects the churn rate to fall to 25 per cent — below the industry average — this year.

☐ General Cable, the sixth largest cable operator, incurred a loss £6.35 million (£3.19 million loss) in the quarter to the end of March. General's disconnection rate fell from 43 to 29 per cent among TV subscribers, and from 27 to 16 per cent among telephony subscribers. The shares rose 1p to 184p.

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Tadpole Technology takes another dive

SHARES in Tadpole Technology, the portable computers and electronics group, crashed a further 51p to 83p after it accompanied a return from suspension with heavy first-half losses and a boardroom resignation (Philip Pangalos writes).

Tadpole shares have collapsed from last November's high of 440p and last week's pre-suspension level of 178p. The company, floated in December 1992 at 65p, soon saw its shares chased sharply higher as the market perceived it as a possible wonder-stock.

Tadpole has since undergone a series of fund-raising measures, including a placing of 1.25 million shares less than two months ago at 210p. The shares were suspended last Thursday and the Stock Exchange is investigating the collapse. Yesterday, the company brought forward interim results showing pre-tax losses of £5.9 million (£1.34 million loss) in the six months to March 31. Turnover rose to £11.4 million (£10.6 million).

The losses were accompanied by the resignation of Geoff Burr, a main board director. He is expected to receive about £100,000 compensation.

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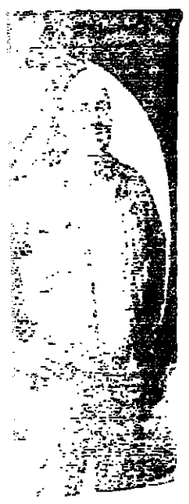


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PETER TREWHOR

Clive Reeks, left, and David King, Silk sales director

Directors will share £7m in Silk flotation

CHRISTOPHER Norland, chairman of Silk Industries, Clive Reeks, the finance director, and three fellow directors will between them own shares worth more than £7 million when the silk manufacturer floats on the Stock Exchange this summer (Sarah Bagnall writes).

The company is raising about £1.5 million through a share placing which will value it at about £15 million. The directors plan to realise some £500,000 by reducing their combined holding from 52 per cent to 48 per cent. Silk Industries was an £8.2 million buyout from Stoddard Holdings in 1989. Lloyd's Development Capital, BZW Private Equity, and CVC, venture capitalists, are expected to cut their combined holding from 30 per cent to 5 per cent.

Credit card firms bow to OFT pressure

Victory for plastic abroad

BY SARA MCCONNELL

PEOPLE who use their credit cards abroad and then fail to get the goods they have paid for will now be able to claim their money back from the card issuer.

Issuers had argued they were not liable under the Consumer Credit Act 1974 for overseas transactions, but have now bowed to pressure from the Office of Fair Trading, which believes they are.

Payouts for losses will start immediately, but card issuers say these will be made on an ex gratia basis until the law is clarified as the OFT recommends. If the law has not been changed by the end of next year, issuers and the OFT will review the situation. Sir Bryan Carsberg, Director-General of Fair Trading, welcomed the issuers' agreement.

But he added: "It is not in the interests of either consumers or card issuers to be reliant on essentially informal understandings in the longer term. I therefore think it important that my recommendations should be implemented as quickly as possible."

His remarks were contained in a OFT report that recommended a number of changes to the Consumer Credit Act. The changes are meant to create a better balance between consumers' rights and issuers' concerns about the extent of their liability under the Act to compensate cardholders. The report rejected calls from issuers to abolish their "joint and several liability" with suppliers to pay compensation and instead force cardholders to claim from the supplier first.

But the report recommended limiting issuers' liability to the amount of credit involved in the transaction. At the moment, their liability is unlimited.

The OFT said that issuers should also be able to turn to an insurance or bonding scheme and claim back any money they have paid out to a cardholder after the collapse of a company. Travel companies in particular have insurance that will pay out to customers.

STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Spectre of higher interest rates looms over trading

THE equity market lost an early lead to finish the day all-square after the announcement of a sharp jump in factory gate prices last month raised the spectre of higher interest rates.

Inflation worries persist in spite of the Chancellor's recent reassurances about the economy. With a large number of economic indicators, including retail sales, to be published this week, investors will have a chance to gauge the situation for themselves

In the event, the FT-SE 100 index saw an early lead of almost 15 points wiped out to finish just 0.4 up on the day at 3,310.7 in thin trading that saw just 550 million shares traded. But with London continuing to closely track a buoyant Wall Street, traders appear confident about short-term prospects for the market, with some brokers poised to increase their year-end forecasts for the index.

The brewers and drinks companies ended mixed, anxiously awaiting the report from the Office of Fair Trading about wholesale beer prices for tied pubs. Hopes are high that they will be able to avoid a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Bass, which has just clinched a contract to supply Tennent's Lager to China, firmed 2p to 567p. There were also gains for **Allied Domecq**, 2p to 545p, **Guinness**, 2p to 478p, and **Grand Metropolitan**, 1p to 397p. **Whitbread** finished a ½p lower at 575p after going ex the dividend.

The television broadcasters remained bullish, eagerly awaiting a White Paper that is expected to relax the rules on media cross-ownership. The speculators are convinced it will lead to a flurry of buying. **Carlton Communications** rose 6p to 962p, **Scottish Television** 9p to 467p, **Ulster TV** 3p to 817p, and **Yorkshire TV** 2p to 516p. **Capital Radio** was also wanted before figures on Thursday. It rose 10p to 410p.

Pearson, publisher of the *Financial Times*, continued to lose ground, with a fall of 15p to 586p in the wake of last week's bearish annual meeting, which indicated that margins were under pressure.

The meeting was followed by a profits downgrading from ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker. Now it is rumoured that Cazenove, its rival, has cut its profit forecast for the current year from £310 million to £293 million and for 1996 by £27 million to £352 million.



BARRY GREENWOOD

Michael Smith, of API, saw profits climb to £3.3 million

Shares of **Tadpole Technology**, the miniature computer developer, fell sharply after *resuming trading following confirmation of heavy first-half losses* and the resignation of Geoff Burr, the man in charge of the group's US operations. The shares, suspended last week after falling 72p in the space of a few days, amid talk of another fund-raising exercise, again opened sharply lower, touching a low for the day of 77p before ending at 83p, a loss of 51p. The group unveiled a pre-tax loss of £5.9 million, including an exceptional charge of £2 million relating to inventory writedowns. Another departure has been announced at **WMGO**, the struggling advertising agency. Chris Woollams has stepped down as chief executive and resigned from the board. He is the second board member to go in a fortnight. WMGO upset the market earlier this year with a profits warning after the loss of several major contracts.

Never mix business with pleasure must be the message for shareholders of **Manchester United** after seeing the share price fall 8p to 148p following the team's failure to clinch the Premier championship at the weekend after drawing with West Ham United. This weekend, United faces Everton in the Cup Final at Wembley. Shareholders must be hoping for a better performance from the shares as well as the players.

API Group firmed 2p to 439p cheered by a first-half trading performance that saw pre-tax profits climb almost £300,000 to £3.3 million. Michael Smith, chief executive, said that the order book substantially exceeded that of the comparable period last year.

Medeva touched 226p before finishing 4p lower at 228p after learning that Johnson Matthey had been registered as a bulk manufacturer of methylphenidate in the US.

Medeva is currently one of only two manufactureres of the controlled substance, which last year accounted for 28 per cent of overall sales. Medeva said that it had already taken account of increased competition in the market place.

Confirmation that the shares were being stalked by a potential bidder lifted **Quality Care Homes** 45p to 275p. The nursing homes operator says that it has received an approach from Exceler Health Care, a subsidiary of Sun Healthcare, a US group. It later emerged that Sun Healthcare had also taken a 15 per cent stake in Ashbourne, another nursing home group, up 13p at 153p.

Quality Care said that Sun is willing to offer 330p a share, valuing the entire company at £46 million. But it says the deal hinges on Duncan Bannatyne, the chairman, accepting the terms in respect of his 64 per cent holding, and this he is refusing to do.

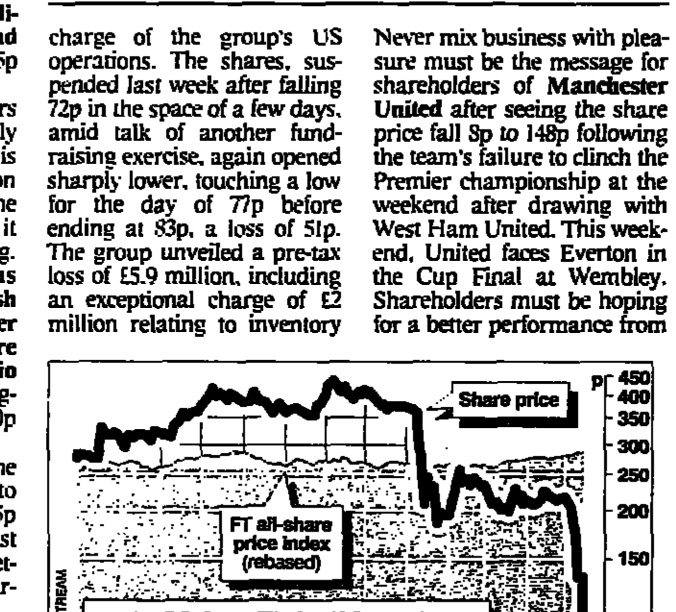
□ **GILT EDGED:** Prices were initially squeezed higher in thin trading, helped by a steadier performance from the pound and German bunds. But by the close, most issues were just a touch easier on the on the day, hit by a combination of weaker US Treasury bonds a disappointing set of producer price figures.

In the futures pit, the June series of the Long Gilt closed just two ticks above its low for the session, with a fall of £1/16 at £105 11/32. Only 28,000 contracts were traded.

Treasury 8 per cent 2013 finished a tick down at £98, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was five ticks off at £99 31/32.

□ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street shares were firmer in early trading. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 11.75 points to 4,442.32.

Tomkins, the Ranks Hovis to Smith and Wesson conglomerate, has been enjoying a share revival since its bread price rise in March, the first for three years. They slipped 1½p to 246½p yesterday, but Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, which visited the group last week, is impressed with Tomkins's cash flow.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 4442.32 (+11.75)
S&P Composite .... 527.10 (+1.55)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 16609.70 (+188.94)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9189.79 (-28.04)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 429.54 (-0.48)

Sydney:
AO .... 2048.8 (+10.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2086.74 (-10.18)

Singapore:
Straits .... Closed

Brussels:
General .... 7686.35 (+4.05)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1991.53 (-25.74)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 638.90 (+2.40)

London:
FT 30 .... 2514.0 (+2.5)
FT 100 .... 3310.7 (+0.4)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3618.9 (+7.4)
FT-SE-A 350 .... 1643.6 (+0.8)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1374.20 (-2.11)
FT A All-Share .... 1625.18 (+1.22)
FT Non Financials .... 1748.71 (+0.53)
FT Fixed Interest .... 112.00 (+0.24)
FT Govt Secs .... 92.74 (-0.06)
Bargains 27170
SEAQ Volume 627.9m
USM (Datastrm) .... 153.41 (+0.40)
US$ .... 1.5597 (-0.0123)
German Mark .... 2.2561 (-0.0139)
Exchange Index .... 84.1 (-0.6)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2088
£:SDR 1.0196
RPI .... 149.0 Apr (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Brit Aero Uts p/p	728	...
Dumyat IT An Div	105	...
Dumyat IT Mthly Div	105	...
Edinburgh Japan Tst	102	...
Fnsbry Wrld Pharm Tst	103	...
General Cable (190)	184	+1
Gus Carter (80)	98	...
Ivory/Sime Disc Uts	495	...
Oryx India	650	...
Oryx India Wts	250	...
Precoat Intl (125)	135	...
Schroder Gth Fund	106	+1
Schroder Gth Wts	27	...
Scot Orient Smlr (100)	100½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

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MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Henry Boot .... 210p (+10p)
Doeflex .... 188p (+7p)
Inchcape .... 324p (+7p)
Broken Hill .... 839p (+32p)
Jardine Math .... 540p (+9p)
Powell Duffryn .... 530p (+7p)
Critchley .... 497p (+10p)
Oxford Inst .... 365p (+7p)
Simon Eng .... 82p (+8p)
Spirax-Sarco .... 511p (+9p)
Laird .... 374p (+9p)
Quality Care .... 275p (+45p)
Bemrose .... 411p (+10p)
BAA .... 493p (+7p)
Chubb Sec .... 324p (+9p)
Sage Group .... 990p (+20p)
Telewest .... 162p (+8p)
Courtauld Text .... 493p (+10p)
Fine Art Dev .... 390p (+6p)
Sotheby's .... 853p (+23p)
ADT .... 735p (+7p)

FALLS:
Yates Bros .... 243p (-11p)
Devro .... 245p (-5p)
Shield Diag .... 45p (-6p)
Glaxo Wellcome .... 737p (-7p)
Zeneca .... 910p (-8p)
Horace Small .... 117p (-7p)

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TEMPUS

Tied up in cables

NYNEX CableComms is either brave, or foolish. The industry's second-largest operator is charging ahead with its initial public offering, in spite of the glut of cable equity on the market and the dismal share prices of two of its rivals, TeleWest and General Cable. Last month the latter had to cut its flotation price to 190p, from the expected range of 220p to 255p, to win over skittish investors.

Nynex is taking some precautions. Unlike TeleWest and General, which split the offer equally between Britain and America, Nynex is favouring the British market. It intends to place no more than 40 per cent of the 305 million shares on the Nasdaq exchange. TeleWest and General learnt the hard way that Nasdaq investors can be exceedingly parochial.

More important, Nynex intends to offer its shares at a discount to TeleWest's. Nynex's franchise value per home, an industry valuation based on the potential market, plus certain costs, suggest that Nynex could be sold at a valuation from a maximum of 22 per cent to a minimum of 3 per cent cheaper than TeleWest at Friday's closing price.

That sounds tempting. But, TeleWest aside, there are five other cable companies with London and Nasdaq listings from which to choose. None is trading at a premium to TeleWest. Nynex shares will start to trade on June 9 and, on the day before, investors will be doing their sums. There are six cable companies with London or US listings: Nynex will be the seventh lucky dipper. Investors may find that Nynex shares, even if they are launched at the low end of the range, do not represent the best value.

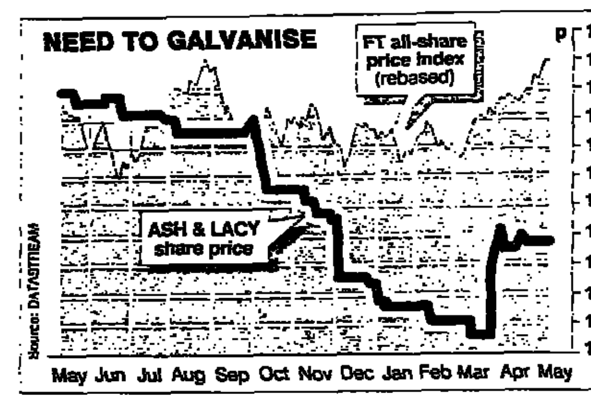
Ash & Lacy

TAKEOVERS between metal-bashing companies in the West Midlands are a sure sign of a simmering stock market. Ash & Lacy, whose main business is galvanising steel for big structures such as oil rigs, electricity pylons and walkways, is paying some 22 times earnings for CI, which operates foundries and makes steel flooring.

Ash & Lacy's £20 million offer for CI looks expensive when compared with profits of only £1.3 million last year, after a loss of £1.5 million in 1993. The high multiple brings back unpleasant memories of the expensive bids of the late 1980s but both companies are recovering from a severe erosion of their profitability since 1990, with Ash & Lacy itself still adrift of its £5 million profit peak five years ago and CI struggling with operating margins of less than 2 per cent.

The rationale for the deal is in part a drive for market share but more important will be cost savings and margin gain from bringing in-house the galvanising work currently contracted out by CI for its steel flooring. More immediate benefits will be gained by reducing fixed costs. CI is supporting almost £500,000 in directors' salaries, most of which will be eliminated along with the directors and CI's head office costs.

That should bring the exit multiple down to just over ten times, giving credence to the bidder's promise of earnings enhancement in the first year.



ADT

FEW British investors remain in ADT, once known as Hawley Group, but interest will revive if only because ADT has decided to sell ADT Auctions, once known as British Car Auctions, to redeploy capital in its security businesses.

Like the motor dealer market, car auctions is a fragmented business. ADT is the dominant player in the UK, with about 40 per cent, and has a toehold in Holland and Germany. Significant future growth would depend on investing in market share and expanding further on the Continent.

The auctions business could be highly attractive to a motor dealer, labouring under single-digit margins. ADT's operation boasted operating returns of over 20 per cent before goodwill write-offs. Auction houses act as the backstop for larger dealers seeking to unload used cars that stick to their forecourts and a major player like Lex would gain advantages from buying the auction houses. But the sticking point will be price. Dealers are languishing on multiples of ten times earnings while ADT is likely to seek the same multiple of operating profit, about $370 million. ADT spurned a float, mooted earlier this year, and it would be very unlikely if a trade buyer paid more.

Tadpole

TADPOLE Technology stubbornly refuses to metamorphose into a frog-prince, despite sterling support from Albert E Sharp, the company's stockbrokers. But after yesterday's shocker, some investors might prefer to see the company renamed Toad Technology.

Consumer electronics is a market littered with the bodies of the also-rans and like many such small groups Tadpole appears to have become blinded by the success of its technology, assuming the marketing would take care of itself. Initial estimates of sales of the P1000 were wildly optimistic, no doubt adding fuel to its broker's profit forecast of £10 million for 1995. Bullish forecasts helped to place almost £7 million of Tadpole stock last year and pushed the shares to the absurd level of 400p.

Tadpole warned that new product delays in January would double a budgeted first-half loss of £1.8 million causing the shares to plunge. But in February, Sharp was bulling the stock against and in March, the company touched its shareholders for more funds, placing 1.25 million shares at 210p. Yesterday the shares collapsed to near 80p and Tadpole has thrown a body into the ring. But the sacrifice of one director is unlikely to be enough to satisfy those who bought stock at £2 and Tadpole still needs to explain why the scale of its setback was not clear in February and March.

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LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	933-920	Jul	1041-1039
Jul	951-950	Sep	1053-1051
Sep	970-969	Dec	1071-1069
Dec	996-995	Mar	1090-1080
Mar	1018-1017		
May	1030-1028		Volume: 3599

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	3077-3075	Jan	3030-3010
Jul	3092-3091	Mar	3020-3010
Sep	3055-3054	May	3010-2990
Nov	3038-3032		Volume: 2110

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	291.3-89.5
Spot: 379.5		May	291.2-88.9
Aug	342.0-41.5	Aug	292.1-88.6
Oct	300.3-99.5	Oct	279.1-75.4
Dec	292.6-90.8		Volume: 2151

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 12

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	83.66	133.45	121.29
(+/-)	-3.78	+10.54	+2.56
Eng/Wales:	83.66	134.08	121.59
(+/-)	-3.78	+11.91	+3.02
(%)	+38.0	+165.0	+12.0
Scotland:	unq	117.29	119.40
(+/-)		-14.96	-0.13
(%)		+29.0	-13.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.50	+0.55
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.65	+0.45
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.20	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	19.80	+0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.65	+0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 203 (-1)	O: 205 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	156 (+2)	157 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jun	153 (+2)	154 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jul	153 (+1)	154 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	109 (+1)	111 (+1)
Naphtha	186 (n/c)	188 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	152.00-52.25	Sep	155.25-55.50
Jul	152.00-52.25	Oct	158.00-58.25
Aug	153.50-53.75		Vol: 17761

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.69-18.70	Sep	17.62-17.64
Jul	18.23-18.24	Oct	17.48-17.50
Aug	17.88 BID		Vol: 33435

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	123.65	May	114.65
Jul	124.90	Sep	107.00
Sep	108.35	Nov	108.70
Nov	109.50	Jan	110.90
Jan	111.25	Mar	111.65
Volume: 381		Volume: 21	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	126.0	125.8
May	141.0	144.5
Jun	unq	unq
		Volume: 38

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jun 121.25-121.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 95	2215	2185	2200
Jun 95	2110	2064	2070
Jul 95	1965	1960	1966
Oct 95	1900	1885	1896
Vol: 109 lots		Open Interest: 5236	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2732.0-2733.0	3mth: 2735.0-2736.0	Vol: 1922100
Lead ($/tonne)	584.00-584.50	599.00-600.00	201275
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1023.0-1023.5	1047.0-1048.0	446575
Tin ($/tonne)	5736.0-5740.0	5731.0-5735.0	39835
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1715.5-1716.0	1735.5-1736.0	1723175
Nickel ($/tonne)	7010.0-7015.0	7130.0-7135.0	78882

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3331.0	3345.0	3316.0	3320.0	11395
Previous open interest: 75400	Sep 95	3363.0	3363.0	3353.5	3343.0	718
FT-SE 250	Jun 95	3640.0	3640.0	3640.0	3630.0	2
Previous open interest: 4030	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	92.99	92.99	92.96	92.97	7816
Previous open interest: 405792	Sep 95	92.54	92.58	92.50	92.54	9311
	Dec 95	92.25	92.28	92.23	92.24	4088
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.90	0
Previous open interest: 1184	Sep 95				93.97	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.37	95.40	95.37	95.37	11791
Previous open interest: 671716	Sep 95	95.24	95.28	95.22	95.23	22417
Long Gilt	Jun 95	105-19	105-25	105-09	105-11	28356
Previous open interest: 100767	Sep 95	105-10	105-10	105-07	104-31	2409
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	117.00	117.17	116.91	117.11	2082
	Sep 95	116.08	116.25	116.07	116.22	288
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	93.96	94.05	93.63	93.71	103205
Previous open interest: 200642	Sep 95	93.43	93.45	93.14	93.14	2027
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.81	93.90	93.79	93.85	1051
Previous open interest: 21134	Sep 95	93.79	93.87	93.79	93.84	756
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.31	96.38	96.30	96.33	2731
Previous open interest: 41554	Sep 95	96.22	96.28	96.18	96.22	1924
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	101.35	102.27	101.18	101.32	46235
Previous open interest: 48704	Sep 95	101.30	101.55	100.78	100.70	600

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅝; 3 mth 6⅝. Sell: 2 mth 6⅝; 3 mth: 6⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅝-6	6⅝-6¹¹⁄₃₂	6⅝-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6⅞-6¹¹⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	7⅛-7	7⅝-7⁷⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	7⅛-7	7⅝-7⁷⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 6¾, close 4½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⅝	n/a	6⅞	7	7½
Sterling CDs:	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6¹³⁄₁₆	7-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7¹⁹⁄₃₂-7¹⁵⁄₃₂
Dollar CDs:	6.00	n/a	6.04	6.09	6.14
Building Society CDs:	6⁹⁄₁₆-6½	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¾	7⅛-7	7½-7⅜

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87 %. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5¾	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-5⅞	6¼-5⅞	5⅞-4½
Deutschemark:	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½	4⅞-4¾	5-4
French Franc:	7⁷⁄₁₆-7⁵⁄₁₆	7½-7¼	7¼-7	6¾-6⅝	8¾-6½
Swiss Franc:	3⅛-3⅜	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3½-2½
Yen:	1¼-1⅛	1¼-1⅛	1¼-1⅛	1³⁄₁₆-1¹⁄₁₆	1½-¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.70-384.20 Close: $384.20-384.70 High: $384.20-384.70 Low: $382.65-383.15 AM: $383.90 PM: $383.75

Krugerrand: $385.00-387.00 (£246.50-248.50)

Platinum: $429.50 (£274.25) Silver: $5.39 (£3.445) Palladium: $161.75 (£103.30)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5258-2.5410	2.5319-2.5352	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Brussels	46.41-46.66	46.49-46.59	7-4pr	22-16pr
Copenhagen	8.8020-8.8500	8.8180-8.8320	¼-⅛ds	⅛-¼ds
Dublin	0.9762-0.9810	0.9784-0.9810	par-3ds	1ds-3pr
Frankfurt	2.2561-2.2728	2.2599-2.2630	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Lisbon	236.19-238.19	236.47-237.10	66-75ds	182-204ds
Madrid	194.92-195.94	195.24-195.53	43-53ds	125-143ds
Milan	2572.80-2618.40	2573.90-2583.50	7-10ds	19-23ds
Montreal	2.1223-2.1319	2.1289-2.1319	0.16-0.25ds	0.23-0.35ds
New York	1.5644-1.5720	1.5670-1.5680	0.06-0.03pr	0.26-0.21pr
Oslo	10.0250-10.1160	10.0440-10.0590	½pr-par	2¼-1¾pr
Paris	7.9130-7.9510	7.9230-7.9370	¼-⅛ds	1½-1¼pr
Stockholm	11.4680-11.5820	11.4900-11.5140	1¼-2¼ds	4¼-6¼ds
Tokyo	135.71-136.77	135.81-136.06	¾-½pr	1¾-1½pr
Vienna	15.86-15.99	15.92-15.95	3¼-2¼pr	9¼-7¼pr
Zurich	1.8829-1.8949	1.8891-1.8920	¾-½pr	1¾-1½pr

Source: Extel. *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3633-1.3651
Austria	10.14-10.15
Belgium (Com)	29.66-29.67
Canada	1.3586-1.3591
Denmark	5.6310-5.6360
France	5.0530-5.0545
Germany	1.4432-1.4437
Hong Kong	7.7320-7.7330
Ireland	1.5983-1.6018
Italy	1644.0-1646.0
Japan	86.81-86.86
Malaysia	2.4835-2.4845
Netherlands	1.6160-1.6170
Norway	6.4185-6.4205
Portugal	151.30-151.40
Singapore	1.4052-1.4062
Spain	124.45-124.65
Sweden	7.3315-7.3415
Switzerland	1.2050-1.2060

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5630-1.5656
Australia dollar	2.1334-2.1358
Bahrain dinar	0.5875-0.5995
Brazil real*	1.3926-1.3967
China yuan	12.50 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7050-0.7150
Finland markka	6.8750-6.9910
Greece drachma	362.75-369.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.0928-12.0998
India rupee	48.99-49.95
Indonesia rupiah	3478.00-3546.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4640-0.4740
Malaysia ringgit	3.8850-3.8883
New Zealand dollar	2.3652-2.3685
Pakistan rupee	48.04 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8425-5.9685
Singapore dollar	2.1986-2.2015
S Africa rand (com)	5.7018-5.7079
U A E dirham	5.7225-5.8465

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,000	Legal & Gn	1,100
ASDA Gp	5,900	Lloyds Bk	1,800
Abbey Natl	1,700	MEPC	709
Alld Dom	1,100	Marks Spr	2,900
Argyll Gp	7,500	NatWst Bk	1,600
Arjo Wiggn	1,000	Nat Power	1,900
AB Foods	157	Nth Wst W	826
BAA	1,200	P & O	2,000
BAT Inds	4,100	Pearson	986
BOC	1,100	PowerGen	719
BP	3,400	Prudential	3,500
BTR	5,200	RMC	509
BT	6,400	RTZ	1,600
Bk of Scot	1,600	Rank Org	3,600
Barclays	1,700	Reckitt Col	1,300
Bass	1,200	Redland	2,500
Blue Circle	3,000	Reed Intl	2,100
Boots	886	Rentokil	778
Bowater	410	Reuters	1,500
Brit Aero	598	Rolls Royce	10,000
Brit Airwys	2,500	Ryl Ins	4,800
Brit Gas	7,400	Ryl Bk Scot	3,100
Brit Steel	3,400	Sainsbury	3,500
Burmah Cstl	280	Schroders	56
Cable Wire	8,000	Scot & New	304
Cadbury	1,000	Scot Power	1,800
Caradon	2,800	Sears	10,000
Carlton Cms	237	Svrn Trent	1,400
Cm Union	2,300	Shell Trans	3,000
Courtaulds	409	Siebe	734
De La Rue	627	SmKl Bch	4,800
Eastern Elec	775	Smith Nph	3,500
Enterp Oil	345	Sthern Elec	404
Forte	3,400	Std Chartd	2,400
GKN	561	Sun Allnce	3,200
GRE	1,600	TI Gp	2,000
GUS	1,200	TSB	1,600
Gen Acc	941	Tate & Lyle	1,600
Gen Elec	5,900	Tesco	8,100
Glaxo Well	6,200	Thames W	1,800
Granada	892	Thrn EMI	407
Grand Met	2,400	Tomkins	2,700
Guinness	2,100	Unilever	2,400
HSBC	1,600	Utd Bisc	856
Hanson	6,600	Vodafone	3,100
ICI	666	Warburg	614
Inchcape	2,800	Whitbread	475
Kingfisher	3,500	Wilms Hld	913
Ladbroke	3,700	Wolseley	2,000
Land Secs	3,300	Zeneca	1,500

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom.	500	47	50½	57½	5	9½	16
(*545)	550	11	21	29½	27	32	39
Argyll	280	26	30½	35½	4	8½	12
(*303½)	300	11	19	24½	12½	17	20½
ASDA	80	4½	7	9	2½	4½	6
(*81½)	90	1	3	4½	9	10	11½
Boots	500	29	39½	45	9½	13½	17½
(*525)	550	4½	15½	20½	39½	41½	44
Br Airways	420	21	30	37½	13	19	23
(*433)	460	5	12½	22	38½	43	46
BP	460	16	26	34	12½	18½	22½
(*460)	500	3	10½	17	40½	43½	46½
Br Steel	160	16	19½	20½	2½	5	6½
(*173½)	180	4	8½	10½	12½	15	16½
C & W	390	34	43	50	6	11	15
(*418)	420	15	26	34	18½	24	28
CU	550	50	59½	69½	6½	15	20
(*588½)	600	17	30½	42	25½	37½	43
ICI	750	36½	49½	66	13½	26½	31½
(*765½)	800	12½	25½	41½	40½	53½	58½
Kingfishr.	460	34½	47	56½	8	16	21
(*484)	500	13½	25½	35½	26½	35	40
Land Sec	550	40	44	50	8	11½	16½
(*587½)	600	7	17½	34	35½	38½	42
M & S	420	18	28	35	10	15½	17½
(*431)	460	3½	10½	17	37	40	41
Nat West	550	23½	33	46	16½	28	33
(*550½)	600	5½	14	24½	50½	60	63
Sainsbury	420	20½	31½	39	9½	12	16½
(*438½)	460	3½	12½	20	34	35	38
Shell	750	27	41	52½	11	22½	26½
(*759)	800	6½	16½	28	42	50½	53½
Smkl Bch.	460	46½	55	63½	2½	8	12½
(*498½)	500	19	30	40	14	22	27½
Storehse	240	12½	19½	23	8½	10½	12½
(*245½)	260	3½	9	13½	20½	22	23½
Trafalgar	50	6½	9	10	1½	3	4½
(*54½)	60	2	4	5½	7	8	9½
Unilever.	1150	60½	88½	104	11	20	28
(*1186½)	1200	29½	58	74½	31	40	48½
Zeneca	900	38	57	77	19½	36	42½
(*910)	950	15	34	53	48	63	69

Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met.	390	7½	20	27½	1	13	17
(*396½)	420	0	7½	13½	23½	31½	33½
Ladbroke.	180	3	11½	15	1½	8	10½
(*181½)	200	0	3½	7	19½	20½	22½
Utd Bisc	330	9	23½	30½	1	9½	16
(*338½)	360	0	10	16½	21½	26	32

May 15, 1995 Tot: 25003 Call: 15817 Put: 9246 FT-SE Call: 4567 Put: 4128

*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	460	37½	45	53½	4½	8	12½
(*492½)	500	11½	21½	30½	21	25	30
Thames W	460	32½	37½	41½	9½	16	22
(*487½)	500	8½	17	21½	37½	38	43

Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	460	34	47	52	0	9½	15½
(*494)	500	1½	22	29	7½	26½	33
BTR	330	6½	18½	23½	1	8½	14½
(*336½)	360	0	5½	10	23½	26	32
Br Aero	531	10½	—	—	3	—	—
(*540)	580	0	—	—	40	—	—
Br Telcm	390	14	23½	28½	0½	11½	14½
(*403½)	430	0	8	14	16½	29½	31½
Cadbury	447	11½	27½	—	1	10	—
(*458½)	486	0	9½	—	27½	31	—
Guinness.	460	18	33½	40½	0½	9½	14½
(*477½)	500	0	12½	20½	22½	29	34
GEC	300	16½	21	25	0	7	9½
(*316)	330	0½	5	10	14	24½	25½
Hanson	240	11½	17	19½	0	4½	8½
(*251)	260	0½	6	10	9	15	19
LASMO	160	11½	17	22	0	3½	5½
(*171)	180	0½	6	11½	9	13	15
Lucas	180	18½	24½	28½	0	3	7
(*198½)	200	1½	12	16½	2½	10½	15½
Pilkingtn	180	8	14	18	0½	6½	8½
(*188)	200	0½	5	8½	12	17	19½
Prudential	330	5	19½	25½	1	9	15½
(*334)	360	0	7	12	26	27½	32½
Redland	460	4	25	35½	2	16½	24
(*463)	500	0	9½	18	37	41	47
R-Royce	180	6	14½	18½	1	6	9½
(*185½)	200	0	6	9½	14½	17½	20½
Tesco	260	12	20½	25	0	4½	8
(*272)	280	0½	8½	14½	8	13½	17
Vodafone.	180	18½	23	28½	0	3	6
(*198½)	200	1½	11	17	2½	10½	14
Williams	330	13½	25	29	0½	6	11
(*343½)	360	0	8½	14	16½	21	26½

FT-SE INDEX (*3311)

	3200	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450
Calls						
May	115	67	25	4	1	1
Jun	131	91	58½	33	16	6½
Jul	158½	122	91½	65	43	28
Aug	172	136½	106	79½	56	39
Dec	242	—	181	—	132	—
Puts						
May	1	3	11½	42½	91½	141½
Jun	12	22	39½	65½	100½	145
Jul	29	42½	62	87	117	154½
Aug	39½	54½	73½	98	136	160½
Dec	81½	—	119	—	170½	—

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat.	460	29½	39	48½	3	12	14½
(*483½)	500	6½	17	27	21½	31½	33½
Amstrad	200	10	17	22	4½	9	12
(*204½)	220	2	8	13	17	20½	23
Barclays	650	28	43	59	9	23½	30½
(*665½)	700	6	18½	34½	37½	50½	57
Blue Circ	300	22	31½	37½	3	9	13½
(*317)	330	5	15	22	17	23	28
Br Gas	300	9½	18	22½	5½	9½	14
(*302½)	330	0½	5½	10	27½	28½	32½
Dixons	220	20½	23½	28½	1	6	8½
(*237)	240	8	12	17	8	16	17½
Forte	240	8	15½	19½	5	9	11½
(*241½)	260	1½	6½	11	19	21	23
Hillsdwn	180	7	13	17	3½	6	8½
(*183)	200	0½	4½	8	17	18½	20
Lonrho	160	10	14	19	1½	5½	7½
(*167½)	180	1	5	9½	13	16½	19½
Sears	110	4½	7½	9½	2	4	5
(*111½)	120	1	3½	5	8½	10	10½
Thrn Emi	1150	55½	72½	89	7½	29½	37
(*1192½)	1200	23	43	62½	25	54½	61
Tomkins	240	12	17	22	4	10½	12½
(*247)	260	3	7½	13	15	22	23½
TSB	240	19½	25½	30½	2½	8½	11
(*255)	260	7½	14	20	10½	18	20½
Wellcome	1000	74	79½	—	0	1½	—
(*1073)	1050	24	34	—	1	4	—

Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	700	54	68½	75	7½	23½	29
(*738)	750	24	39	48	27	48	53
HSBC	800	45	68½	87½	20	45½	53½
(*812½)	850	22½	44½	63½	53½	72	79½
Reuter	460	31	42	54	8½	15½	20
(*478)	500	11	21½	33	28½	35½	39½

Series		May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins.	300	20	29	35	0½	5	10½
(*320)	330	1	11	18½	12	17½	24½

Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	180	13	19½	25½	4	8	12
(*187½)	200	4	10½	16	15	19	22½

Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	600	48½	63	74	0	17½	25
(*648½)	650	4	34½	47	6	40	48½

Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	460	12½	22	30	14½	21	24½
(*465)	500	1	8½	15	47½	49½	51
Scot Pwr	330	16½	24½	29	4½	14	17
(*340½)	360	3	9½	15	21½	32½	34

WALL STREET

	May 15 midday	May 12 close
AMP Inc	43⅛	43⅛
AMR Corp	68⅞	69
AT & T	51⅛	51½
Abbott Labs	38	38¼
Advanced Micro	35⅛	35⅞
Aetna Life	59⅝	59⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	22⅛	22⅛
Air Prod & Chem	51⅛	51
Albertson's	30⅛	31
Alcan Alumnm	28⅛	28
Alco Standard	71⅝	71⅛
Allied Signal	41⅛	41⅛
Alum Co of Am	47⅛	46⅞
Amax Gold Inc	5⅛	5⅛
Amerada Hess	51⅛	51⅛
Amer Brands	41⅛	41⅛
Amer El Power	33⅛	33
Amer Express	35⅛	35⅛
Amer Genl Corp	33⅛	33⅛
Amer Home Pr	75⅛	75⅛
Amer Intl	115⅛	113⅞
Amer Stores	25⅛	25
Ameritech	45⅛	45⅛
Amoco	66⅝	66
Anheuser-Busch	58	57⅛
Apple Computer	43⅛	43⅝
Archer Daniels	18⅛	18⅛
Armco	6⅛	6⅞
Armstrng Wrld	50⅛	50
Asarco	26⅛	26⅛
Ashland Oil	37⅛	37⅛
Atl Richfield	114⅛	115⅛
Auto Data Pro	64⅛	64⅛
Avery Dennison	42⅛	42⅛
Avon Products	63⅛	62⅛
Baker Hughes	23⅛	22⅛
Baltim Gas & El	24⅛	24⅛
Banc One	31⅛	31⅛
BankAmerica	51⅛	50⅛
Bank of NY	36⅛	36
Bankers Tr NY	58⅛	58
Barnett Banks	47⅛	47⅛
Bausch & Lomb	39⅛	39⅛
Baxter Intl	33⅛	33⅛
Bectn Dicknsn	56⅛	56⅛
Bell Atlantic	56⅛	56⅛
Bell Industries	18⅛	19⅛
BellSouth	62⅛	62⅛
Black & Decker	30⅛	30
Block (H&R)	40⅛	40⅛
Boeing	54⅛	54⅛
Boise Cascade	34⅛	34⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	65⅛	65⅛
Browning Ferris	36⅛	35⅛
Brunswick	22⅛	22⅛
Burlington Nthn	60	58⅛
CBS	64⅛	64⅛
CNA Financial	82⅛	82⅛
CPC Intl	59⅛	59⅛
CSX	77⅛	76⅛
Campbell Soup	49⅛	50
Can Pacific	17	16⅛
Cpd Cities ABC	85⅛	84⅛
Carolina Pwr	28⅛	28⅛
Caterpillar	63⅛	62⅛
Central & SW	24⅛	24⅛
Champion Intl	46	45⅛
Chase Manhtn	46⅛	46⅛
Chemical Bk	45⅛	45⅛
Chevron Corp	48⅛	47⅛
Chrysler	44⅛	43⅛
Chubb Corp	84	83⅛
Cigna Corp	74⅛	74⅛
Citicorp	50⅛	49⅛
Clorox	58⅛	58⅛
Coastal Corp	30⅛	30⅛
Coca Cola	58	58⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	72⅛	71⅛
Columbia Gas	29⅛	29⅛
Compaq Comp	39⅛	38⅛
Comp Ass Intl	70	70⅛
Conagra	33	32⅛
Conrail	53⅛	52⅛
Cons Edison	28⅛	27⅛
Cons Nat Gas	39⅛	39⅛
Cooper Inds	39⅛	39
Corning Inc	33⅛	33⅛
Crown Cork	42	44⅛
Dana Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Dayton Hudson	69⅛	70⅛
Deere	80	87⅛
Delta Air Lines	65⅛	65⅛
Deluxe Corp	30⅛	30⅛
Detroit Edison	29⅛	29⅛
Digital Equip	45⅛	45⅛
Dillard Dept St	27⅛	27⅛
Disney (Walt)	55	54⅛
Dominion Res	37⅛	37⅛
Donnelley (RR)	35⅛	35⅛
Dover Corp	67	66⅛
Dow Chemical	74	73⅛
Dow Jones	36⅛	36⅛
Dresser	22⅛	22⅛
Duke Power	40⅛	40
Dun & Bradstreet	54⅛	55
Du Pont	69⅛	69⅛
Eastman Kodak	60⅛	60⅛
Eaton Corp	58⅛	59⅛
Emerson Elec	70	70⅛
Engelhard Corp	41⅛	41⅛

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Enron Corp	35⅛	35⅛
Entergy	22⅛	22⅛
Ethyl Corp	11⅛	11⅛
Exxon	70⅛	69⅛
FMC Corp	63⅛	63⅛
FPL Group	37⅛	37⅛
Federal Express	62⅛	62⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	92⅛	92⅛
First Chicago	58⅛	57⅛
First Interstate	83⅛	82⅛
First Union Rlty	7⅛	7⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅛	33⅛
Fluor Corp	50⅛	50⅛
Ford Motor	29⅛	28⅛
GTE Corp	34⅛	33⅛
Gannett	53⅛	53⅛
Gap Inc Del	33⅛	33⅛
Gen Dynamics	46⅛	45⅛
Gen Electric	58	59
Gen Mills	60⅛	60⅛
Gen Motors	47⅛	46⅛
Gen Reinsurance	136⅛	134
Gen Signal	38⅛	38
Genuine Parts	39⅛	39
Georgia Pac	82⅛	81⅛
Gillette	82⅛	83
Glaxo Wellc ADR	23	23⅛
Goodrich (BF)	47	47⅛
Goodyear Tire	41⅛	41
Grace (W&R)	62⅛	62
Grt Atl Pac Tea	22⅛	25⅛
Great Wstn Fin	21⅛	21⅛
Halliburton	38⅛	38⅛
Harcourt General	42⅛	41⅛
Heinz (HJ)	44⅛	43⅛
Hercules	50⅛	50⅛
Hershey Foods	52⅛	52⅛
Hewlett Packard	70	68⅛
Hilton Hotels	69⅛	69⅛
Home Depot	44⅛	44⅛
Homestake Mng	16	15⅛
Honeywell	39⅛	39⅛
Household Intl	48⅛	48⅛
Houston Inds	40⅛	40⅛
Humana	21⅛	20⅛
ITT Corp	114⅛	113⅛
Illinois Tool	51	50⅛
Illinova	23⅛	23⅛
INCO	24⅛	24⅛
Ingersoll Rand	37⅛	37
Inland Steel	27⅛	27⅛
Intel Corp	109	108⅛
IBM	94⅛	94⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	47⅛	49⅛
Intl Paper	81⅛	81⅛
James River Va	26⅛	26
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	63	65
Kellogg	65⅛	66
Kerr-McGee	53⅛	53⅛
Kimberly-Clark	57⅛	57⅛
Kmart	13⅛	13⅛
Knight-Ridder	54⅛	54⅛
Lilly (Eli)	70⅛	71⅛
Limited Inc	22⅛	22⅛
Lin Brdcstng	123⅛	123⅛
Lincoln Nat	43⅛	43⅛
Litton	36	35⅛
Liz Claiborne	18⅛	18⅛
Lockheed Martin	59⅛	59⅛
Louisiana Pac	28⅛	28⅛
MCI Comm	21⅛	21⅛
Marriott Int	36⅛	35⅛
Marsh & McLnn	79	78⅛
Masco Corp	28⅛	28
May Dept St	38⅛	38⅛
Maytag Corp	17	16⅛
McDonalds	36⅛	36⅛
McDonnell D	68⅛	67⅛
McGraw Hill	75⅛	74⅛
Mead Corp	54	53⅛
Medtronic	74⅛	76⅛
Mellon Bk	43⅛	42⅛
Melville Corp	37⅛	37⅛
Merck Inc	42⅛	42⅛
Merrill Lynch	47⅛	47
Minnesota Mine	61⅛	61⅛
Mobil Corp	98⅛	97⅛
Monsanto	82⅛	82⅛
Morgan (JP)	68⅛	68⅛
Motorola Inc	60⅛	59
Natl Semi	25⅛	24⅛
Natl Service Ind	28⅛	28⅛
Navistar Int	15⅛	15⅛
NBD Bancorp	31⅛	31⅛
NY Times A	23⅛	23⅛
Newmont Mng	39⅛	38⅛
Niag Mohawk	14⅛	14⅛
Nike B	79	78⅛
NL Industries	14⅛	14⅛
Noram Energy	6⅛	6⅛
Nordstrom	37⅛	36⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	64⅛	64⅛
Nthn State Pwr	45⅛	45⅛
Norwest Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Nynex Corp	42⅛	41⅛
Occidental Pet	24⅛	24⅛
Ohio Edison	22⅛	20⅛
Oracle Systems	33⅛	32⅛
Oryx Energy Co	13⅛	13⅛
Owens Corning	38⅛	38⅛

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PPG Industries	39⅛	38⅛
PNC Bank	25⅛	25⅛
Paccar Inc	46⅛	46⅛
Pacificorp	18⅛	18⅛
Pac Enterprises	26	26
Pac Gas & Elect	26⅛	26⅛
Pac Telesis	29⅛	29⅛
Pall Corp	22⅛	22⅛
Panhandle East	24⅛	24⅛
Parker Hannifin	55⅛	54⅛
Peco Energy	26⅛	26⅛
Penney (JC)	46⅛	46⅛
Pennzoil	49⅛	49⅛
Pepsico	45⅛	44⅛
Pfizer	81⅛	81⅛
Phelps Dodge	55	55⅛
Philip Morris	70	70⅛
Phillips Pet	36⅛	35⅛
Pitney Bowes	37⅛	37
Polaroid	36	36
PriceCostco	14⅛	14⅛
Procter & Gmbl	69⅛	69⅛
Providian	34⅛	34⅛
Pub Serv E & G	28⅛	28⅛
Quaker Oats	35⅛	35⅛
Ralston Purina	49	49⅛
Raychem Corp	34⅛	35⅛
Raytheon	74⅛	75
Reebok Intl	34⅛	33⅛
Reynolds Metals	51⅛	50
Roadway Srvcs	46⅛	45⅛
Rockwell Intl	44⅛	44⅛
Rohm & Haas	60⅛	60⅛
Royal Dutch	123⅛	123⅛
Rubbermaid	31⅛	31⅛
SBC Comms	45⅛	45⅛
Safeco Corp	58⅛	58
St Paul's Cos	50⅛	50
Salomon Inc	39⅛	38⅛
Santa Fe Pac	23⅛	12⅛
Sara Lee Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Scecorp	16⅛	16⅛
Schering Plough	73⅛	73⅛
Schlumberger	63⅛	63⅛
Scott Paper	45⅛	91⅛
Seagram	27⅛	27⅛
Sears Roebuck	56⅛	56⅛
Shell Trans	71⅛	71⅛
Sherwin Wllms	37⅛	37
Skyline Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Snap-On-Tools	36⅛	36⅛
Southern Co	20⅛	20⅛
Sprint Corp	33⅛	33⅛
Stanley Works	40	40
Sun Company	31⅛	31⅛
Sun Microsys	44	43⅛
Suntrust	56⅛	56
Supervalu	27	27
Sysco Corp	27⅛	28
TRW Inc	73⅛	73⅛
TCC Inds	2⅛	2
Tandem Comp	13⅛	14
Tandy Corp	48⅛	49⅛
Teledyne	25⅛	25⅛
Temple Inland	46⅛	46⅛
Tenet Healthcare	16⅛	16⅛
Tenneco	47⅛	47⅛
Texaco	66⅛	68
Texas Inst	118	118⅛
Texas Utilities	33⅛	33⅛
Textron	58	57⅛
Time Warner	39⅛	39⅛
Times-Mirror A	22⅛	23
Timken	44	43⅛
Torchmark	39⅛	39⅛
Toys R Us	26⅛	27⅛
Transamerica	58⅛	58⅛
Travelers	43⅛	42⅛
Tribune	59	59⅛
Tyco Labs	57⅛	56
UST Inc	29⅛	29
UAL	117	117
USX Marathon	19	19
Unicom	26⅛	26⅛
Unilever NV	122⅛	122⅛
Union Camp	53⅛	54⅛
Union Carbide	32⅛	31⅛
Union Pacific	55⅛	54⅛
Unisys Corp	10⅛	11
USAIR Group	7⅛	7⅛
USF&G Corp	16⅛	16⅛
US Life	37⅛	38
US West	42	41⅛
United Tech	74⅛	75⅛
Unocal Corp	29	28⅛
Upjohn	35	35⅛
VF Corp	53⅛	52⅛
WMX Tech	28⅛	28⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅛	25⅛
Warner-Lambert	79⅛	79⅛
Wells Fargo	175⅛	174
Westinghouse El	14⅛	14⅛
Weyerhaeuser	43⅛	43⅛
Whirlpool	53⅛	52⅛
Whitman	18	18⅛
Winn Dixie	56⅛	56
Woolworth	16	15⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45	44⅛
Xerox	119⅛	118⅛
Yellow Corp	19⅛	19⅛

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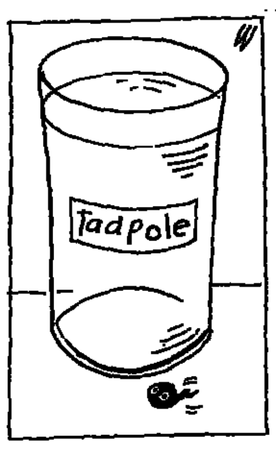
Another lost boy

MICHAEL EISNER, the Disney chief, should be turning 15 shades of pink after reading criticism of the extravagances alleged in the building of the Disneyland Paris theme park in the June issue of *Esquire*. Not only did the Magic Kingdom try out 15 different pink paints before the right image was achieved but executives, *not trusting Gallic potables*, washed their clothes in Evian and ordered their dog food from California, the article says. Such excesses added 41 cents to every construction dollar says *Esquire*. Among 1,000 Irish workers brought in to speed up construction was an IRA man who ran foul of the SAS and was allegedly entombed in the foundation of the Peter Pan attraction, according to Euro Disney lore.

Zolong Zolo

HANSON is handing out not only interim figures today, but also lots of Zolo, too. Who/what is Zolo? It is an abstract model and creative play system that turns into wonderful plastic shapes and is based on ancient Indonesian fertility forms, Hanson says. Zolo belongs to Hanson's subsidiary that is going stateside in the group's demerger. Our loss is America's gain.

LAURIE BEEVERS, who helped to float Sons of Gwalia, the Aussie gold mine — where Herbert Hoover, the US President, was once manager — and his chum David Youngman, have resigned from Manchester broker John Siddall and joined broker WH Ireland Stephens, where Beevers becomes chief executive.



Volte face

HOW they change ... Dr Adil Elias is the man who in October 1992, appealed in the Luxem bourg, Cayman Island and English courts against the $1.7 billion compensation settlement negotiated by the liquidator of the collapsed BCCI and the Abu Dhabi authorities, its majority shareholder, delaying payment by 18 months. Is this the same Dr Adil Elias who in a letter to the *Financial Times* says he is "dismayed" to learn that former BCCI employees have delayed payment of compensation with an appeal against the new agreement in the Luxembourg courts?

Real models

NO SOONER does Alison Hargreaves become the first woman to reach the summit of Everest alone and without oxygen, than *Harpers & Queen* hits the streets proclaiming the end of masculine-style corporations and the rise of the female boss. Today's edition notes that until the 1960s, women at Procter & Gamble had to wear skirts and eat in a separate restaurant. Heidi Hutter, insurance woman of the year (1995), recalls being told early in her career that she should really get married so she wouldn't have to work so hard, and Sue Murphy, finance director of MFI, notes: "I'm very lucky because my husband had a great desire to look after our 15-month-old son. We have role-reversed. It works very well."

COLIN CAMPBELL

Philip Bassett assesses business reaction to Jacques Santer

Divided by a common currency

When Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, gets to his feet to address business leaders at the annual dinner of the Confederation of British Industry tonight, it won't exactly be a case of Daniel entering the lions' den. But even though he has, as far as the business world is concerned, the huge advantage of not being his predecessor Jacques Delors, Europe still makes British business uneasy.

Mr Santer's expected emphasis tonight on the importance of competitiveness will be welcomed. Business in the UK is largely resigned to the advance of social legislation under the social chapter, though it is still kicking against the details. In particular, given the Commission's proposals for institutional change, business is bracing itself for Brussels coming back at the UK next year and demanding the end of its social opt-out.

But what concerns business most on the European agenda, and in Mr Santer's remarks tonight, is economic and monetary union — a single currency. While not as openly or as bitterly divided over it as the Conservative Government, British industry is unquestionably far from unanimous on the issue.

Mr Santer's signals are already clear. In a speech at Guildhall ten days ago, he insisted that monetary union would come by the end of the century — despite Britain's opposition to it as evidenced in its single currency opt-out: "EMU is not a pipedream, and it is becoming more concrete as time moves on."

Big and small companies are lining up on the issue. Stanley Kalms, of Dixons, for instance, is strongly opposed, while BP's chief executive David Simon is equally strongly in favour. The differences reflect in part the advantage — especially for smaller firms — of lower currency transaction costs, and in part the degree to which companies operate in domestic or export markets.

"We are quite relaxed about it," says Sir Ian MacLaurin, Tesco's chairman. "In the medium to long term, it will probably be beneficial." Sir Robin Ibbs, chairman of Lloyds Bank, says: "It is absolutely desirable as a long-term point to reach. It would be much easier to trade across Europe with a single currency. But the transition from where we are at the moment is a difficult one."

Such difficulties clearly inform the findings of business surveys on the issue. An Ernst & Young poll taken among local business leaders at last week's Chambers of Commerce conference in Aberdeen showed three-fifths were in favour of



Jacques Santer flanked on the left by Stanley Kalms, top, and Tim Melville-Ross, and on the right by David Simon, top, and Sir Robin Ibbs

EMU, though a similar survey by the BBC suggested that over half thought it would make no difference to their business.

Part of business's difficulty with EMU is that it isn't a clear-cut issue. The social chapter? No problem. Puts up costs; doesn't it? Fine — we're against it (though the proof of the pudding in terms, for instance, of European works councils is proving a good deal more edible).

EMU, though, presents business with more complicated considerations, both for and against. Last week the principal policy committee of the strongly Eurosceptic Institute of Directors approved a policy document on the single currency which, when it is published next month, will go carefully into the pro and anti arguments.

IoD leaders believe that, like marriage, monetary union is an enormous step. But unlike marriage, it believes it will be almost impossible to escape from EMU. The institute thinks that the UK economy is too different from others and not sufficiently integrated with them to mean anything other than that it will be disadvantaged by EMU compared with other countries most likely to take part.

Bruised by business's bad experience with the exchange-rate mechanism, to which it was consistently opposed, the IoD is likely to conclude that it will not be in the UK's interests for the foreseeable future to take part in a single currency and, indeed, that there need be no serious consequences for Britain if it does not do so.

Tim Melville-Ross, the IoD's Director-General, has gone apocalyptic about a single currency, arguing that short of going to war, Britain faces no more important decision — though he suspects that events such as the recent turmoil in the currency markets will move the issue on. "There is a move away from a view that a single currency is inevitable by 1999," he says. In spite of Mr Santer's declaration, which he is likely to restate tonight, the IoD leader says: "Nobody really sees it as a realistic proposition this century."

However, Mr Melville-Ross — who recently told *The Times* that business now expects Labour to win the next UK general election — believes that the likelihood of EMU will change if there is a different government in the UK. An EMU decision, he says, "ought to be driven by economic considerations. But it is still too much driven by political considerations".

IoD leaders are clear: they're oppposed to EMU. But the rest of the business world and the organisations that represent it are less sure. "There is support among the business community for a single currency — especially among smaller firms which are heavily involved in exporting," says Richard Brown, deputy director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce. "But it's not unequivocal."

Exporters clearly do like it — or at the very least, they don't think it will damage them. Research by Gallup, the polling organisation, among Britain's leading exporters shows that 40 per cent believe Britain's participation in a single currency would help UK export prospects, while a further 30 per cent believe it would make no difference.

Away from the IoD's certainties, such differentiated views allow much of business to accept the line in Government associated with the Prime Minister and the Chancellor that there is no need yet to move to a definite decision on EMU.

"I identify no strong pressure from within the business community to reach a judgment on this at the present time," says Howard Davies, the outgoing CBI Director-General, who will flank Mr Santer tonight and who has held private talks with him recently on such issues as EMU.

Business leaders can clearly see how crucial the argument over EMU may be for the Conservative Party, and particularly in the struggle for its leadership. But they don't see much point for business yet in forming any final view, particularly since the economic circumstances in which such a view would be taken are as yet far from clear.

The CBI's own internal evidence reflects that. CBI leaders doubt that their member companies' views have much changed since a survey taken at the time of its last annual conference showed 28 per cent accepting EMU as a "necessary" condition of a European single market, with a further 56 per cent believing it was "helpful" to business in the long term. Eight per cent saw monetary union as "positively damaging".

But strong pro-Europeans in industry see EMU as vital. Keith Richardson, secretary-general of the European Round Table of Industrialists, says the fragmentation of Europe into so many currency areas is now the single largest block to the integrated economic base which industry needs.

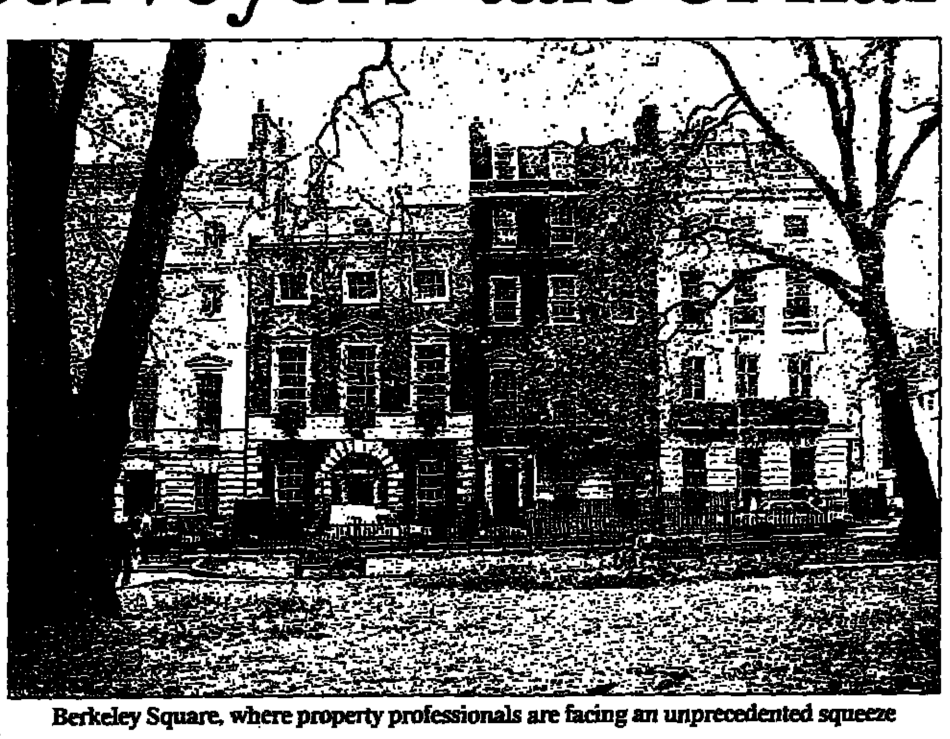
For the unions, TUC general secretary John Monks says: "The view of the TUC is that we would say yes to a single currency, provided there were two dimensions built into it — regard for its employment effects and the need for the development of social Europe as an integral part of economic and monetary union."

In one sense, business's concentration on a single currency is curious. The effects on industry are more immediate than those of both the social chapter and the restructuring of the EU at next year's intergovernmental conference. But of course, the terms of trade which EMU would affect hits directly at the bottom line, and so companies in the UK are rightly concerned about an argument which for them is a good deal more than just an esoteric clash of ideology.

So Mr Santer's speech tonight to the CBI will be pored over by business leaders. They will want to know at least what the Commission's current thinking is on these key issues. But they will know, too, that it will be far from the last word — that for business everything is still to play for in the great debate over Europe.

Berkeley Square's elegant fronts hide surveyors' tale of hardship

In a world where location is all, some are paying a higher price than others, writes **Carl Mortished**



Berkeley Square, where property professionals are facing an unprecedented squeeze

A posh London address is important to a chartered surveyor. No self-respecting property agent would even contemplate a move to cheaper premises south of the river. Big names rub shoulders in Mayfair's Hanover Square or Berkeley Square — addresses that testify to the estate agent's enduring belief that location is everything. But they are paying a high price for their convictions. The likes of Richard Ellis and Jones Lang Wootton have not yet been forced to move their head offices to Southwark, Hounslow or Canary Wharf in search of cheaper rents. But in the past year, London's property professionals have seen business touch depths never before experienced.

At the Coach & Horses in Mayfair, an industry watering hole, the talk is of layoffs, cash calls on senior partners and smaller firms squeezed between the high cost of their West End rents and falling incomes. Grimley JR Eve is discussing layoffs of up to 25 staff, while even the prestigious Jones Lang Wootton cut its cloth, making five fee-earners redundant. In the past month, the axe has fallen at Richard Ellis, which lost 30 jobs, and Healey, & Baker which shed 20.

Rodney Petty, a partner at Weatherall Green & Smith summed up the problem. "There are too many surveyors. That is going to have to be sorted out," he said.

Property and construction have been in recession for five years, but surveyor numbers have grown, swelled by graduates entering a profession still seen by some as a quick route to wealth. Few have left the business. Partners leave troubled firms but set up on their own with lower costs.

The head of the retail department at Colliers Erdman Lewis has just left to set up his own practice with three former colleagues. After years of troubles and a succession of mergers, Colliers announced a £500,000 refinancing last month, including a cash call on directors. Employees have taken salary cuts of up to 10 per cent as part of a new pay structure. The firm was doubly squeezed during the recession after the merger of two practices left it paying an extra £1 million in rent.

Richard Lay, chairman of DTZ Debenham Thorpe and a spokesman for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, worries that the gradual starvation of surveying firms is undermining the quality of their work. "A feature of our market is free entry. The total number of surveyors has probably risen by 10 per cent over the past four years at a time when the size of the market has fallen by 15 per cent. Partnerships don't easily go bust. People can set up shop on their own, in rent-free offices with a desk and a phone. If we were a normal industry, the weak would go to the wall, the strong would gain and prices would rise."

Instead, prices are falling. Paul Orchard-Lisle, senior partner of Healey & Baker blames fee-cutting on professional work such as property management and valuations,

> "There are too many surveyors. That is going to have to be sorted out"

bread and butter for many firms. He points to recent competition for an asset management job, which three years ago would have gone for a commission of 3 per cent but was secured by a rival bid at ½ per cent: "At that figure you cannot make a profit."

"If you talk to some firms, they will say the partners are not sleeping for worry." Mr Orchard-Lisle believes the shake-out will come in the medium-sized practices. "You have to be a big international firm or a boutique; those in the middle will merge or fail."

Ironically, many firms expanded their professional departments during the property recession believing that the recurring business of building management, valuations and rent reviews would prove more defensive than broking investment deals. But competition from small practices has cut or eliminated profit margins at the high-cost large firms. Staff are now being thrown back into investment work, advising large funds and setting up cross-border investment vehicles such as Beckwith Property Fund Management in which Richard Ellis has a 25 per cent interest.

Andrew Huntley, senior partner at Richard Ellis, said his firm has had to change tack: "I remember saying in 1991, we need to have a business which is two-thirds professional. There are now too many surveyors. It is a cost-cutting war." Jobs lost at Richard Ellis included fee-earners in property management and building consultancy, areas severely hit by competition.

Surveyors experienced a false dawn in 1993 that continued into the beginning of last year when foreign, mainly German, investors poured money into London seeking the high yields then available from office properties whose values had tumbled. Interest-rate rises put paid to the investment boom, but more worrying has been the lack of growth in demand from tenants, the real motor of the property market.

Today, the big firms are making more money abroad than at home. Jones Lang Wootton had revenues of £230 million worldwide last year, but earned only £55 million in Britain with another £55 million from the rest of Europe. The big money-spinner was Asia. Richard Ellis had a similar experience with the home team generating £37 million, while its overseas offices billed £68 million in fees.

In the face of such gloom, firms are taking on new blood although each graduate post is swamped with applicants. Healey & Baker received 1,000 applications for eight jobs and JLW sorted through 600 CVs and interviewed 180 graduates to pick 12 who can expect to be paid a starting salary of about £13,000 per year. Peter Mantle, JLW's managing partner, said: "We are looking for people with the right language skills." Young staff will also have to work longer to pay for the upkeep of partners pushed into early retirement.

There are now 93,000 surveyors in Britain, compared with 84,000 in 1989. Mr Orchard-Lisle concedes that the profession is probably overpaid at the top end, but top partners are more concerned that intelligent young people will be put off surveying. "The average entrant is said to be of lower quality," he worries, adding: "But for top graduates there is a future." That future looks a lot less glamorous than the posh buildings in Mayfair.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Special sharedealing facility for small Hanson shareholders in US demerger

From the vice chairman, Hanson

Sir, Hanson plc has always taken enormous trouble in looking after private shareholders so we were sorry to read in your letters column (Business Letters, May 5) that Mr Sydney Melvin is not happy with the proposed demerger of our small United States businesses through US Industries Inc.

This move has been commended for making good business and financial sense and being in the long-term best interests of our shareholders.

Recognising that some Hanson shareholders might not wish to hold shares in a United States company, we announced a special dealing facility for holders of less than 100 US Industries Inc. shares to sell their shares at very low charges. It is also possible for them to top up their allocated shareholding if they so prefer.

This means that if he so wishes, Mr Melvin will be able to sell his US Industries Inc. shares with minimal administration and expense and receive a sterling cheque for the proceeds. This facility would seem to meet his concerns.

Yours faithfully,
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Hanson Plc,
1 Grosvenor Place,
SW1.

Premium bonds and large investors

From Ms Carole Berry

Sir, It is with great interest and boring regularity that I read the premium bond winners' list. Today was no exception.

Once again, the £100,000 prize winner, bless him, has a holding of £10,000 and comes from South Oxfordshire. I do not hold residency in South Oxfordshire to blame at all, but I do resent all the winners who have holdings in excess of £1,000. Surely they could invest their great wealth elsewhere and can earn large amounts of interest and leave the field clear for the little guys? This is pure sour grapes, of course. I am assured by the minions of Ernie that the numbers really are drawn at random, but mollifying stock phrases are not consolation prizes.

My husband has a holding of £21 in single units bought with his pocket money over the years since he was a boy (he is now 47) and has never had so much at the lowest prize. Is this a record, I asked National Savings? Is there a prize for never winning? They did not answer that, but sent me the stock reply — "numbers are drawn out purely at random ...."

I did however, note that one £25,000 winner came from Yorkshire with a holding of £15 — hurrah!! Perhaps this is a token award to placate the millions of us with small amounts of bonds and therefore even smaller probabilities of winning. We shall see.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLE BERRY
15 Corbett Gardens
Woodley, Berkshire.

Subsidies preferred

From Mr Patrick Fisher

Sir, It is a sign of hope that Pennington (Wedneday, May 3), puts the case for energy conservation, rather than cash-backs for consumers, as the most beneficial way of using any leeway in the finances of regional electricity utilities.

While subsidies for energy-efficient devices would benefit many consumers, considerable economies would also be achieved under the Eastern Group scheme to subsidise cavity-wall insulation for consumers with electric storage heaters.

Unfortunately, this scheme has gone into summer recess; applies only to homeowners and private tenants over 60; and is little publicised. It needs extension and encouragement from every quarter.

Yours faithfully,
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69 Meadway,
Harpenden, Herts.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 01895 259 783

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Grnfund Amer	171.30	181.30	-0.50	0.25
Grnfund Equity	242.70	258.10†	+1.40	2.43
Grnfund Euro	212.40	224.70	-0.20	0.47
Grnfund Eql Bd	115.50	118.70	.	7.14
Grnfund Gilt	74.72	77.05	-0.02	3.92
Grnfund Japan	154.00	162.90	.	0.30

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
General Acc	560.10	595.90	-1.90	2.78
General Inc	488.40	519.60	-9.30	2.78
UK Growth Acc	377.60	401.80	-3.90	2.89
UK Growth Inc	255.00	271.30	-0.60	2.89
Higher Inc Acc	695.60	734.30	-1.90	4.04
Higher Inc Inc	397.00	422.40	-1.10	4.04
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	190.70	201.30	-0.50	5.83
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	89.99	95.04	-0.24	5.83
N American	281.70	299.70	-2.70	
Europe	286.50	304.80	-0.80	0.62
Far East	75.16	79.96†	+0.18	3.01
Brit Fndmtls Acc	104.90	111.70	-0.40	4.74
Brit Fndmtls Inc	75.25	80.04	-0.29	4.74
Global Opps	87.73	92.54†	-0.16	0.25
Balanced Acc	56.84	59.45†	-0.15	3.02
Balanced Inc	54.10	57.56†	-0.13	3.02
Japan Acc	45.70	48.62	-0.05	
Pac Basin Acc	372.30	395.10†	-0.10	0.32

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	129.20	137.10	-0.10	7.29
High Inc Equity	164.80	175.30†	-1.20	4.46
Worldwide Bond	280.00	296.90†	-0.50	4.58
Capital Growth				
American Growth	294.30	315.20	+1.20	1.21
Asian Pacific	313.60	333.60	-1.40	
Assets & Earnings	268.70	285.90†	-2.80	2.90
Commdty & Energy	98.61	104.90	-0.50	1.2
Euro Capital Inc	140.20	149.90†	-0.60	.65
(Accum Units)	150.50	160.90	-0.70	.64
General	241.40	256.80	+1.10	2.12
Japan	117.60	125.10	-0.03	
Mastertrust	143.60	152.60	-0.70	1.84
UK Growth Dist	119.20	127.50†	-0.90	3.07
US Emerging Cos	133.80	142.30	-2.10	
Income & Growth	395.00	420.20	-3.70	2.97
Ethical	68.42	72.84	-0.49	3.02
International	115.30	122.70	-0.30	1.07
Dividend & Growth	62.13	66.10	-0.41	4.25
Global Grwth & Sec	67.71	72.25	0.05	2.79

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Small Cos	£17.64	£17.99		

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Growth	47.26	49.84†	+0.20	0.63
Cash	50.43	50.43	-0.02	5.80
Emerging Mkts	69.49	73.44	-0.42	0.05
European	116.70	122.10	-0.20	
Exempt	969.80	1010.40	-4.10	1.73
Extra Income	46.02	49.13	-0.20	6.13
Far East Emg Eco	116.50	123.50	-0.29	0.51
Fixed Interest	22.17	23.25†	-0.08	8.49
Fund Inv Tst	162.20	170.70†	-0.40	0.11
Japan	176.30	185.30	-0.70	
Latin American	51.90	54.42	-0.41	0.98
Pacific	75.22	79.40†	-0.16	0.32
Property Share	60.33	63.33	-0.10	2.15
UK Emerging Cos	62.04	65.12	-0.22	1.90
UK Growth	44.70	47.28†	-0.13	2.48
Aber World Fund	73.10	74.28†	-0.28	3.21
Ethical	62.90	66.05	+0.13	2.52
Premium Gilt Inc	49.58	49.58	-0.06	7.57

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
British Growth	65.05	69.26†		3.09
British Income	76.23	80.42†		3.79
Select Portfolio	96.96	103.51†	-0.09	

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 956

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amity Income	75.20	79.72	-0.15	2.53
Income Builder Inc	70.45	74.96	-0.16	2.92

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	236.60	252.90†	-0.10	3.03
Capital	415.90	444.20†	-1.10	1.85
Balanced	259.20	277.40†	-0.40	2.65
Accumulator	573.94	613.85	-2.00	2.35
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.59	54.41	-0.47	3.27
High Income	403.60	431.60	-0.30	5.55
Equal. Income	227.10	242.70	-0.20	[illegible]
High Yield	232.70	250.90†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Govt Securities	32.83	34.69†	-0.04	6.12
International Trusts				
Inter Spec Sits	156.60	169.50	-1.50	0.31
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	150.50	171.50†	-1.30	0.12
Japan	188.96	201.30†	-1.30	0.01
Pacific	280.70	[illegible]	-2.80	0.01
Secs of America	256.20	285.30†	-0.10	0.48
Worldwide Asset Ptfl	49.62	51.97	-0.09	0.73
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	535.20	572.20	-0.37	2.23
Com & Gilt	43.11	46.04	-0.08	5.02
Smaller Cos	169.00	180.60	-0.90	1.23
2nd Smaller Cos	159.70	170.70	-0.40	1.05
Recovery	140.00	149.60†	-0.50	1.75
Tst Mkt Cos	149.50	159.90†	-1.10	[illegible]
Prime Europe	153.60	163.30†	-1.20	1.76
Technology	172.00	183.60	-2.30	0.01
UK Special Sits	475.60	509.30	-0.70	1.70

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Contrib Out Fund	95.50	101.40		3.04
Founder Prof Fund	61.20	65.05		3.74

BEST-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0093

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Capital	72.84	77.78	-0.27	2.72
International	53.03	53.18		

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	253.50	270.10	-0.40	
Bond	113.70	119.70†	-0.37	6.65
Brit Smlr Cos	109.50	117.30	-0.50	1.75
Conv & Gilt	64.72	68.85†	-0.27	5.21
Europe	225.70	240.90	-0.80	0.61
Emrg Smlr Cos	98.56	106.50	-0.50	1.53
Income Sa...	343.00	364.90	-0.80	4.23
Japan	292.50	311.50	-0.70	
Latin American	69.54	73.98	-0.69	
Pacific	107.70	115.60	-0.50	1.25
UK Small Cos	34.96	37.51	-0.16	1.25
Japan Fd	633.60	652.60	-2.70	
Mngd Fd	174.30	185.70	-0.50	1.32

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8573

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Brit & Gvrsc	288.70	311.00		0.99
Capital Gwth	111.90	117.30		2.17
Hi Yld Gilt	191.70	198.10		0.87

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	350.40	365.00†	-2.70	2.93
European Bd Inc	90.86	94.56	-0.66	2.64
Exempt	73.18	79.13†	-0.45	2.15
Financial	76.80	82.14	-0.30	2.73
500 Gr	445.60	475.50	-1.80	2.65
General	277.40	297.10	+1.70	2.94
Property	245.80	261.10		5.51
Trustee	185.10	197.70	-1.10	2.80
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50†		5.38
Extra Income	119.80	127.10†	-0.60	4.17
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.54	59.48	+0.02	8.56
Income	528.70	565.50	-3.50	4.0
Income Builder	62.56	66.55	-0.24	4.82
Intl Income	62.67	67.09	-0.19	3.60
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	129.20	138.20	-0.60	2.56
Leisure	127.40	136.30	-0.70	1.54
Recovery	428.50	458.30	-3.50	2.83
Smlr Cos Inc	44.73	47.97	-0.11	2.32
Special Sits	287.20	307.10	-1.40	1.79
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	132.70	140.80†	-0.10	0.49
Aust Acc	241.70	257.10	-0.30	1.98
Aust Inc	148.70	158.20	-0.20	1.98
Euro Gwth Inc	154.50	164.10	-0.70	1.10
(Accum Units)	165.30	175.60	-0.70	1.10
Japan & Gen Inc	161.10	170.50	-0.80	
(Accum Units)	162.30	172.50	-0.80	
Japan Spec Sits	74.34	78.75	-0.59	
Unity Tech Inc	80.40	85.44	-0.13	0.04
Worldwide	169.80	179.20	-0.20	0.95

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	96.68	102.40	-0.50	
Amer Smllr Cos	132.80	142.0	-2.30	
Convertibles	53.25	57.56†		5.70
Eastern	280.90	303.80		0.30
Equity Income	84.55	90.76†	-0.26	4.90
European Growth	308.40	327.20†	-0.80	0.80
Europe	218.50	232.20	+0.20	0.20
German Growth	74.85	79.35	-0.33	0.50
Global Bond	63.34	66.69	-0.01	6.20
Global Growth	126.70	135.0	+0.10	
Japan Growth	178.50	190.0	-0.40	
Japan Sunrise	146.10	155.10	-0.20	
Korea Trust	73.78	81.48	-0.54	
Portfolio	130.50	139.80	-0.40	2.10
(Accum Units)	240.10	257.10	-0.60	2.10
UK Growth	84.96	91.27	-0.29	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	81.09	88.50†	+0.06	1.80
Select Managers	75.61	81.05	-0.26	1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Inc Gwth Port Inc	76.36	81.23		
Special Opps Inc	56.48	60.09		

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	108.21	114.51†	-1.18	1.67
(Accum Units)	122.75	129.90	-1.34	1.67
Smaller Cos	107.45	113.71†	+0.60	1.29
Higher Yield	45.39	48.03†	+0.30	4.60
American Gth Inc	74.10	78.41	+0.43	
European Growth	137.35	145.34	+0.49	0.36
(Accum Units)	140.05	148.21	-0.50	0.26
Global Bond Inc	26.12	27.07†	-0.81	6.98
Mngd Ptflo Inc	42.23	44.67	-0.01	1.54
(Accum Units)	43.05	45.53	-0.02	1.54
Intl Spec Opps	155.51	[illegible]	+0.98	
Pacific Gth	130.42	138.01	-0.03	
Formerly LAS				
UK General	76.78	81.25	-0.35	3.60
(Accum Units)	78.62	83.20	-0.36	3.60
Japan	56.96	60.27	-0.24	
Gilt & Fixed Int	95.10	98.55†	-1.24	7.88

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	63.44	64.25	-0.02	6.48

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Environ	157.40	167.50	+0.50	1.73
UK Growth	171.30	182.30	+0.80	2.34
UK Income	132.80	141.30†	+0.70	4.45

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01707 651 122

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	189.70	201.70	+0.60	1.97
-do- Income Dist	107.60	114.10†	-0.30	4.38
(Accum Units)	331.80	351.70	-0.90	4.38
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.92	42.31	+0.09	6.43

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5362

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	162.30	172.70†	+0.50	
European Inc	80.47	85.31	+0.12	0.53
Smaller Cos (4-1)	81.92	87.15	+0.21	1.98
Growth	422.80	449.80	-2.20	2.25
Income & Growth	411.40	437.70	+0.90	3.95
(Accum Units)	586.90	624.40	+1.20	3.95
Japan & Gen	70.28	74.53	+0.03	
Mastra Portfolio	£102.13	£105.82†	-8.00	2.44
(Accum Units)	£132.49	£120.91	-9.00	2.44
Special Sits	97.59	103.82	-0.29	2.22
High Yield	£13.17	£13.58†	-4.00	4.46

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	84.43	90.20	...	2.44
American Portfolio	95.53	101.87		1.15
European Portfolio	97.82	104.05†		0.75
Japanese Portfolio	62.79	66.65	-0.23	
Pacific Portfolio	138.76	149.21	-0.56	0.95
UK Inc & Growth	75.89	81.48†		3.39
Utility & Bond	53.68	54.34†		7.12

CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Inv Fund	664.60	667.10		4.68
Fxd Int Sec	147.90	148.00		9.73

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 332 5000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK General T.T	64.68	68.80	+0.17	2.89

COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Inc	654.70	663.77		4.72
Accum	£28.00	£28.24		
Fixed Int Inc	130.55	120.84		9.52
Fixed Int Acc	192.95	183.43		

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 837 7067

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	116.57	127.68		
UK Income	104.09	113.82		5.22

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	81.65	86.39		1.40
Beck Bio-Tech	27.26	28.90		
Accm Educatl Tst	149.59	157.08		0.69
City Fin Assets	71.48	75.05†	+1.64	1.88
City Fin America	90.03	94.54†		
City Fin Intl	78.90	82.84†		0.89
City Fin Japan	160.33	168.34		
Frgns Hse Cap	278.07	301.74	-6.10	1.63
Frgns Hse Inc	191.95	208.23†	-5.19	4.05
Buckley World Gth	122.76	130.12		
Famous Cap Gth	133.70	142.42†	...	
Fairmount Intl	145.67	155.77†		
J Sel Inc/Gth Inc	53.72	58.05		4.24

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	55.56	58.95	+0.40	

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	61.43	65.70	-0.45	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.29	39.88	+0.07	0.59
Dragon Growth	68.17	72.97	+0.11	0.62
Equity High Inc	83.86	89.21	+0.25	4.04
(Accum Units)	113.63	120.88	-0.34	4.04
European Gwth	53.18	56.57	-0.04	1.23
Evergreen	28.38	30.35	-0.01	
General Equity	84.95	90.13	-0.24	2.81
Japan Growth	49.58	53.03	-0.10	
Pedigree Gwth	51.75	55.05	-0.13	2.77
Pref Sh Cos Inc	30.08	32.00†	+0.10	1.51
(Accum Units)	31.48	33.49	+0.11	1.51
Retirement Inc	25.93	27.58	+0.06	5.69
Special Sits	38.03	40.46	+0.05	2.09
UK & Overseas	49.29	52.44	+0.08	1.31

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Capital	70.05	74.26	+0.32	1.99
Income	63.02	66.80	-0.20	4.03

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 688 9818

PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	159.04	169.19†	+0.22	5.17
Fixed & Convertible	38.55	41.01†	-0.07	7.33
Monthly Inc Plus	46.84	49.83†	-0.06	8.99
Preference Share	44.69	47.54†	-0.10	7.94
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	120.96	128.68†	-0.32	6.31
Managed Fund	68.44	72.81†	+0.12	3.24
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.53	39.93†	+0.05	2.03
(Accum Units)	43.68	46.47†	+0.06	2.03
UK & General	80.05	85.16†	-0.25	3.00
(Accum Units)	101.46	107.94†	-0.31	3.00
UK Growth	147.44	156.85†	+0.06	2.56
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	194.66	207.09†	+0.42	0.21
Far Eastern Gth	127.69	135.73†	-0.31	
Global Bond	78.96	83.90†	-0.12	6.16
Japan Growth	113.07	120.29†	-0.60	
North Amer Gth	174.95	186.12†	+0.38	
Overseas Growth	77.38	82.30†	-0.16	0.10
Worldwide Growth	66.21	70.44†	+0.01	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.96	91.96†	+0.04	6.09
Homeowners Fund	73.35	84.42	-0.20	1.79
Quality Fund	129.54	137.81	-0.52	2.35

For Confederation see Sun Life of Canada

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 487 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	31.10	32.32		3.33

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Growth	146.90	156.30†	-1.33	1.61
Income	69.35	73.68	-0.10	4.85
European	62.91	66.93	-0.25	0.85
Pacific	159.90	170.00†	-2.00	1.85

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 282 9494

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity UT	820.50	834.10		3.66

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 270

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	76.92	81.82	-0.08	0.45
Income	233.30	254.90†	-0.80	4.57
(Accum Units)	601.20	639.50†	-1.80	4.57
Smaller Cos	165.50	176.00	+0.40	0.58
(Accum Units)	202.30	215.10	-0.50	0.59
Intl Portfolio	80.60	85.74	-0.41	1.40
High Inc Port	70.05	74.52	-0.17	4.66

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0077

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	£15.91	£16.18		
Japan Small Cos	£12.13	£12.35		
UK Small Cos	£17.62	£18.39		
US Small Cos	£16.52	£17.04		

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Discretionary	200.20	210.60†		3.04

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	285.80	299.80†	-0.10	0.93
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Japan Growth	110.40	116.00	-0.10	
2nd Smllr Cos	429.50	456.20†	-2.30	
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EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	143.60	152.80	+0.70	1.75
UK High Inc Inc	151.20	160.90†	-0.90	4.48
(Accum Units)	197.10	210.00†	-1.20	4.48
UK Prof Fd Inc	56.05	61.60	-0.06	5.09
Environment Opps	56.85	60.37†	-0.42	1.01
UK Smlr Cos	52.14	55.47	-0.16	

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	129.60	137.50	+1.30	1.27
Commodities	20.43	21.71†	-0.06	6.45
Equity Income	125.00	134.70	-0.20	3.93
Extra Inc	46.95	49.79	-0.32	0.40
Financial	45.04	47.86	-0.21	1.57
Growth & Inc	237.80	252.70	-0.70	3.05
High Dist	152.50	162.20†	-0.40	4.60
International	391.30	415.70	-0.60	0.12
Inv Cap Inc	95.11	101.50†	-0.50	2.71
Latin American	29.25	31.08	-0.36	
Pacific	80.82	85.87	-0.35	
Preference Share	21.29	22.62†	-0.07	7.29
Tokyo	215.90	229.30	-0.90	
UK Smaller Cos	225.30	239.40†	-1.10	1.15

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Ebon Trust	213.68	228.14	-6.71	0.79

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	201.70	214.60		0.90

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	83.31	87.69	+0.47	1.56
Ethical Tst	42.32	44.55	-0.20	1.37
Far Eastern	299.46	315.22	+2.34	1.87
High Income	130.38	137.24†	-0.39	4.87
Intl Growth	119.30	125.58	-0.97	1.19
North American	116.69	122.83	-1.40	1.29
Pelican	116.71	122.85†	+0.21	3.39
Smaller Cos	65.14	68.57	+0.12	2.85
Special Sits	86.99	91.57	+0.09	2.64
Tst of Inv Tsts	182.27	191.86	+1.28	1.79

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos Inc	196.43	204.61†	+0.69	1.56
Smaller Cos Acc	345.25	359.64†	+1.20	1.56
Recovery	50.02	52.10	+0.32	1.36
Recovery Acc	50.55	52.66	+0.32	1.36

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	108.64	115.79†	+0.23	6.01
Capital Growth	82.30	88.26	+0.66	
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.18	47.10	+0.22	0.61
High Income	40.75	43.67†	-0.07	10.53
Warrant	51.46	55.93	+0.55	
Zero Preference	38.60	40.95	+0.08	

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 230 707

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Family Asian Tst	78.78	83.80†	+0.480	2.99
Family Income Tst	44.56	44.56†	+0.200	6.75
Family Trust	86.28	91.78†	-0.800	1.75
United Charities	261.10	277.80	-1.400	4.32

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree. Private Clients. 0800 414 161

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.70
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.03	27.13†	-0.05	7.36
Intl Bond	29.43	30.54†	-0.04	4.81
Income Funds				
High Income	23.77	25.01†		4.92
Income Plus	109.70	116.70	-0.10	3.80
Amer Eq Inc	49.52	52.38†	+0.05	1.64
European Income	42.68	45.39	+0.19	1.38
Far East Inc	65.62	69.70	-0.10	2.38
Global Convertible	22.46	23.96	-0.03	3.28
UK Div Grth	24.50	26.05	+0.02	1.95
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	64.22	68.51	-0.16	
American	258.30	273.40	+0.80	
Amer Spec Sits	122.00	130.20†	-0.50	
Japan Smaller Cos	35.87	38.27	-0.17	
European	172.30	183.10	+0.80	
European Opps	63.47	67.49†	+0.40	
Global Pmv	25.61	27.24	+0.11	0.67
UK Growth	90.98	98.74	+0.33	
Growth & Inc	142.00	151.00	+0.10	1.96
Intl PEP	37.43	39.80	+0.04	
Japan Spec Sits	88.38	93.98	-0.49	
Japan	183.80	195.60	-0.20	
Managed Intl	278.50	296.70	+0.50	
Moneybuilder	52.84	56.19	+0.14	
Recovery	48.20	51.25	+0.71	
South E Asia	156.20	166.70		
Special Sits	510.10	542.40	+2.30	
Specialised Funds				
Cash Accum Units	109.32	109.32	+0.04	5.70

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	136.00	138.60		1.85
Inc Pflio	85.97	87.63	+0.19	3.36
Cap Pflio	143.10	145.60	+0.30	1.54
General Opps	120.50	122.20†		3.51
Growth Inc	30.56	31.21†	+0.07	1.71
Private Portfolio	409.30	418.00		1.89

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	121.00	127.80	+0.20	0.33
Emrg Asian	165.50	177.00	+1.40	
High Income	21.10	22.43†	-0.04	10.03
Opus Income	92.53	98.11	+0.42	3.20
UK Growth	108.30	115.70	+0.20	1.86
UK Income	106.40	113.48†	+0.56	3.72
US Smaller Cos	315.10	337.00	-0.50	0.14

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Inc Eqty	47.88	50.35	+0.08	3.24
-do- Inv Tst Inc	74.32	78.78	+0.38	3.52
Intl Growth	66.97	70.42†		
Investment Trust	90.37	95.03	+0.70	
UK Smaller Cos	83.47	87.77	+0.46	0.93

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	58.15	62.21	+0.34	
(Accum Units)	58.15	62.21	+0.34	
Amer Smllr Cos	490.60	524.70	+3.10	
(Accum Units)	501.20	538.00	+3.20	
Capital Tst	309.20	328.60†	+0.90	1.61
(Accum Units)	444.60	473.80†	+1.40	1.61
Conv Smllr Cos	59.73	63.87	-0.02	0.56
(Accum Units)	62.81	67.15	+0.04	0.56
Convertible	124.10	132.00		5.87
(Accum Units)	250.80	266.80	+0.10	5.87
Emerging Markets	67.40	72.00	+0.16	0.22
(Accum Units)	67.46	72.08	+0.16	0.22
European	119.80	127.30		0.13
(Accum Units)	125.60	133.40	+0.10	0.13
Extra Income	338.20	359.70	+1.40	3.99
(Accum Units)	508.00	540.30	+2.00	3.99
Financial	123.70	133.20†	-0.10	0.30
(Accum Units)	131.00	141.10†	-0.10	0.30
Gilt Trust	62.54	64.48†	+0.14	6.84
(Accum Units)	88.72	92.51†	+0.21	6.84
Health Fund Inc	136.80	145.90†	-0.60	
(Accum Units)	136.60	145.90†	-0.60	
Income & Growth	194.50	206.80	+1.10	3.32
(Accum Units)	293.80	312.50	+1.70	3.32
Intl Growth	358.70	383.80†	+1.30	
(Accum Units)	398.30	428.30†	+1.60	...
Japan & Gen	163.10	174.30	-1.20	
(Accum Units)	164.70	176.00	-1.30	
Monthly Inc	162.80	173.10†	+0.80	3.94
Managed Port Inc	103.50	108.00†	+0.20	1.74
(Accum Units)	111.70	118.90†	+0.20	1.74
Quarterly Income	52.00	55.75†	+0.18	4.63
(Accum Units)	56.41	60.49†	+0.20	4.63
Recovery	335.40	358.60	-0.10	0.13
(Accum Units)	394.80	422.10	-0.20	0.13
UK Growth	54.68	58.44	+0.14	2.79
(Accum Units)	58.86	60.44	+0.13	2.79

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FP American	48.08	51.14		0.90
FP Am Smlr Cos	117.00	125.10	-0.20	0.0
FP Asian Growth	258.40	277.40	+0.40	0.0
FP Australian	327.90	351.80	-2.10	0.0
FP Equity Dist	385.40	410.00†	+2.40	2.71
-do- Accum	825.00	877.60†	+5.20	2.71
FP Euro Gwth	210.40	223.20		1.04
(Accum Units)	226.70	242.60		1.04
FP Intl Bond	57.87	61.20	-0.04	5.19
FP Intl Gth Dist	94.10	100.10		0.73
-do- Accum	98.52	104.80	-0.10	0.73
FP Pac Basin Acc	202.90	215.80	-0.40	
FP Income	55.01	58.67	+0.17	4.94
(Accum Units)	178.00	189.80	+0.50	4.94
FP Jap Smllr Cos	309.80	330.20	-1.50	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	71.29	76.08†	+0.20	5.83
FP Stg Deposit	100.50	100.50†		6.25
FP Tokyo	86.21	91.95	+0.26	0.0
FP UK Focus	36.18	38.90†	+0.04	1.96
FP UK Growth	172.30	183.70	+0.30	2.97
(Accum Units)	333.70	355.60	+0.70	2.97
Stewardship Dist	335.40	356.90†	+1.10	1.94
-do- Accum	414.20	440.60†	+1.40	1.94
Stwdshp Inc Dist	70.81	75.32†	+0.24	3.60
-do- Accum	92.93	98.86†	+0.33	3.60
N Am Stshp Dist	97.20	103.40	+0.30	0.85
-do- Accum	103.40	110.00	+0.40	0.85
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	109.40	116.30†	-0.30	1.06
Open Cap Gth Acc	110.20	117.20†	-0.20	0.30
Cap Gth Inc Inc	105.40	112.10	-0.10	2.35
Cap Gth Inc Acc	108.00	114.80	-0.10	2.35
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	107.70	114.50		2.95
Opn Co Gth Ic Ac	110.30	117.30		2.95
NM Unit Trusts				
Inql	32.80	35.00	+0.03	0.83
(Accum Units)	47.57	50.76	+0.05	0.93

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
GANDA	238.70	252.45†	+1.00	2.44
Cash	49.35	50.09†	+0.02	5.31
Growth Portfolio	78.02	82.70	+0.21	0.99
Income Portfolio	64.54	68.25†	+0.38	4.51

GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 238 6441

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	191.30	204.60	-0.40	1.40
Dividend	89.20	95.40	+0.01	3.52
Intl Gth & Inc	224.80	240.20	-0.10	2.92
UK & Gen	44.93	48.05	+0.27	1.74
Fund of Funds	63.28	67.68	+0.12	

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer Spec Sits	195.50	209.10†	+1.00	
European	553.10	591.00	+5.50	0.34
Far East & Gen	242.90	259.80	+0.40	
Germany	114.80	121.50	+0.20	
Income Inc	153.40	164.10	-0.10	4.46
(Accum Units)	165.70	177.30	+0.10	4.46
International	313.90	335.80	-1.20	
Intl Income	82.17	87.10	+0.06	3.90
Japan & General	372.60	396.60†	-1.20	
Korean Securities	63.28	67.68	-0.11	
Smlr Cos Div Inc	43.72	46.78	-0.03	5.13
UK Capital Inc	167.30	179.00	+0.50	1.06
UK Capital Acc	292.50	312.90	+0.90	1.06
UK Spec Sits	81.15	86.80	-0.01	0.71
US & General	144.40	153.60†	-0.80	
Wwide Spec Sits	141.90	151.80	-0.10	

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	48.78	52.16	+0.13	2.47
Cash Trust	137.86	137.86	+0.06	4.49
Practical Inv Inc	114.63	122.60†	+0.56	3.23
(Accum Units)	262.06	280.28†	+1.32	3.23
UK Index	150.88	152.40	+0.47	3.33
UK Smaller Cos	127.55	136.42	+1.75	1.02
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.96	25.63†	-0.02	9.05
High Income	32.58	34.84†	+0.07	5.22
UK Equity Income	133.28	142.55	-0.15	3.45
Global Bond	28.81	29.86	-0.01	5.02
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	46.98	50.25†	+0.09	
Global Inc & Gth	130.73	139.13†	-0.25	2.21
Gold & Intl Res	101.58	108.64	+0.09	
Global Utilities	128.71	137.77	+0.21	1.42
Overseas Funds				
American	150.89	160.75	+0.31	1.13
European	104.81	111.13	+0.06	1.34
Euro Sel Opps	151.69	161.13	-0.18	
Amer Emerging	105.29	112.61	+0.52	
Hong Kong	141.42	151.45	-0.46	1.63
Japan	232.09	246.59	-0.01	
Pacific Growth	219.22	234.46	-0.27	1.40
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	217.54	217.54†	+0.53	2.17
Long Term Bal	234.34	234.34†	+2.74	3.21
Med Term Bal	201.99	201.99†	+0.73	3.65
UK Equity	247.96	247.96†	+0.85	2.62
UK Emerging Cos	143.43	143.43	+0.63	2.25
American	249.48	249.48	-0.10	1.47
Japan	112.94	112.94	-0.26	
European	271.85	271.85	-0.28	1.37
Index Linked Gilt	175.16	175.16	+0.97	2.86
Fixed Interest	159.61	159.61	+0.46	6.59
Amer Emerging	238.31	238.31	+1.12	0.12
Pacific	232.52	232.52	-0.19	1.02
Emerging Mkts	125.37	125.37	-0.53	0.78
Index Stkd Japan	152.34	152.34	-0.15	0.35
-do- Pacific Rim	186.07	186.07	-0.09	1.38
-do- Cont Europe	157.12	157.12	-0.36	1.93
Index Stkd USA	143.18	143.18	-0.15	2.12
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	102.53	109.07	+0.26	
Med Term Bal	95.97	102.10	+0.37	
Long Term Bal	105.29	112.01	-1.30	
UK Equity	114.56	121.86	+0.36	
UK Emerging Cos	67.19	71.48	+0.31	
American	115.52	122.89	-0.05	
Japan	54.10	57.56	-0.14	
European	113.01	120.23	-0.12	
Fixed Interest	80.65	85.80	+0.25	
Index Linked Gilt	77.72	82.69	+0.46	
Deposit	81.20	86.39	+0.04	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Gth	117.00	124.50	-0.20	
Berkeley Income	111.70	118.80	-0.10	4.07
EAM Intl	138.22	145.90		0.58
Brchld Gth Port Inc	62.24	65.69	-0.15	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.03	60.19†	+0.98	3.40
-do- Wwde Port	53.25	56.20	-0.23	0.10
Shaw Utilities	53.39	56.35†	+0.09	3.07

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
£ Intl Inc	550.54	585.68		1.75
(Accum Units)	612.31	651.39		1.75
European Inc	145.43	154.68	..	0.98
Amalgam Inc	142.41	150.72		
N America Inc	330.93	352.05		
Far East Inc	338.23	359.82		
(Accum Units)	350.31	372.67		
UK Dlvrd Inc	178.94	190.38		1.47

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7868

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	89.21	95.40	+0.07	4.93
UK Small Cos	49.03	52.42	+0.25	1.02
British Growth	56.71	59.57†	+0.09	2.61
American Gwth	171.84	183.78	+0.80	
Japan Gwth	69.69	74.47	-0.65	
Greater China	180.81	193.48	-0.81	
Pacific Strategy	154.62	165.36	-2.21	
European Gwth	88.39	94.04	+0.36	0.29
Intl Growth	146.20	156.36	+0.01	
US Index (E)	14.23	14.99†	+0.06	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	75.45	81.58	+0.26	2.48
Monthly Income	37.83	40.39†	-0.11	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gold UK Index (E)	11.35	11.98†	-0.20	3.90

GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Small Cos	89.72	95.44		1.60

GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9588

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	497.30	530.90	+2.00	0.30
Gilt & Fixed	127.20	134.90	+0.40	5.27
Growth Equity	333.60	356.40	-1.60	1.86
Income Trust	132.00	141.00	+1.00	2.91
International	182.30	194.70		0.28
Japan Trust	127.00	135.60	-2.50	
Nth American	273.50	292.10†	+0.10	0.28
Pacific	563.10	590.90†	-2.00	
Guardhill	504.60	539.00	+1.90	1.81

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
EMU Trust	101.20	105.03	-0.85	7.36
Global High Inc	98.78	102.56†	-0.59	6.83
Prem Fixed Int	102.60	106.51	-0.09	8.45
Emy & Bond Inc	103.76	110.32†	+0.19	5.14
European Growth	105.72	112.41	-1.12	
Intl PEP Trust	62.28	66.22	-0.30	
High Income	123.35	131.15†	-0.32	3.96
-do- Accum	171.96	182.84	+0.46	3.96
Recovery	369.20	392.60†		1.81
(Accum Units)	429.50	456.70	-0.10	1.81
St Vnc High Inc	120.99	122.80	-0.26	7.18
UK Emerg Cos	232.30	245.60†	-0.14	2.06
UK Smlr Cos	347.20	353.40	+0.20	2.52
Glob Prtv Tst	96.35	102.44†	+0.01	0.92
(Accum Units)	97.25	103.40		0.92
Inc Shsre Tst	89.10	94.73	+0.27	8.09

HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Growth	26.73	28.34	+0.13	1.72
Growth Acc	26.73	28.34	+0.13	1.72
Income	26.83	28.45	+0.12	3.44
Income Acc	26.83	28.45	+0.12	3.44

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Model Pflio	205.30	218.90	+2.30	2.63
Smaller Cos	91.07	97.05	+0.09	1.03

HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Special Sits	305.42	326.79	+0.12	1.53
Best of British	65.22	69.37†	+0.19	2.86
UK Smaller Cos	123.96	133.25	+0.84	1.95
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	283.97	302.41	+0.35	3.72
(Accum Units)	763.34	812.92	+0.94	3.72
High Income	317.56	339.47†	-0.88	4.22
Extra Income	278.79	296.49	+0.87	5.74
Pref & Gilt	45.65	48.08†	+0.17	8.86
International				
International	264.92	282.23†	+0.63	0.56
Global Bond	53.55	56.82	+0.06	4.53
Intl Port Tst	81.99	87.68	-0.25	0.17
Global Tech	173.81	185.39†	-2.28	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	179.75	192.32	-1.04	0.15
European	484.85	514.28†	+0.72	1.24
European Income	84.49	89.53	-0.15	2.74
Euro Smlr Cos	153.87	165.10†	+0.59	0.61
Eur Sp Sits	71.64	76.81†	+0.05	0.71
(Accum Units)	76.75	82.06	+0.05	0.71
Japan Trust	191.34	203.97	-0.34	
Japan Special Sits	203.99	217.01†	-0.20	
Pacific Smlr Cos	234.25	250.64†	+0.53	
North American	243.82	259.25	-0.21	0.39
American Smaller	108.59	116.08†	+0.58	

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
British	99.05	103.70†	+0.20	2.26
Capital	175.00	183.20	+0.30	1.84
Dollar	358.30	375.10†	-0.20	
Enterprise Gth	329.00	344.50	+0.70	1.74
European	231.10	241.99	+0.10	0.96
Far East	319.20	334.20	+1.870	0.47
Financial	836.80	876.20	+1.40	1.84
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.39	26.40†	+0.06	7.48
High Yield	104.90	109.80	-0.30	3.97
Income & Growth	144.10	150.80†	+0.60	0.02
International	257.10	269.21	+0.80	0.02
Japanese General	199.60	209.60	+0.40	
Japan Tech	78.05	81.77	-0.62	
Nat Resources	70.17	73.47†	-0.82	
Portfolio	72.37	75.78†	+0.19	1.32
Smaller Cos	131.40	137.50†	+0.30	1.56
Special Sits	150.30	157.30	+0.30	1.49
UK Emerging Cos	92.85	97.32	+0.10	1.00
US Smaller Cos	90.08	94.32		

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 880 Inv 0800 289 505

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Balanced	101.50	108.30†	+0.20	6.02
Capital	595.30	635.30†	-1.70	2.38
Income	569.80	608.10	+1.2	5.03
Footsie Fund	55.61	55.89	+0.12	2.71
Trade Index	109.80	117.30	+0.40	2.06
UK Index	141.40	150.90	+0.80	3.06
International Funds				
American Growth	505.30	539.30	-1.40	0.57
American Index	215.20	229.20	+0.10	1.15
European Growth	114.40	121.80	+0.30	0.26
Eurotrack 100	164.40	174.70	+0.10	0.56
Global Bond	21.93	23.16	+0.03	5.77
Japan Growth	274.00	291.60	-1.10	
Japan Index	81.48	86.98	-0.38	0.17
Japan Smllr Cos	33.07	35.29	-0.03	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	59.27	63.25	+0.58	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	102.60	109.50	-0.30	1.29
Sthn & Myn Gth	78.11	83.36†	+0.32	
Tiger Index	203.80	217.50	-0.50	1.37

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing 0800 010 733

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialists Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	31.51	32.75	+0.01	0.92
General Funds				
Managed	72.85	75.73†	+0.15	1.50
Rupert Child Fxd	87.36	90.81†	+0.22	2.45
UK Growth	80.67	83.77†	+0.16	2.33
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	83.62	86.92	+0.14	6.55
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.27	27.09	+0.05	7.86
UK Inc & Gwth	40.88	42.49†	+0.08	3.68
UK Income	340.00	353.40†	+0.90	5.00
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	50.60	52.48	+0.29	0.18
Amer Smlr Cos	119.00	123.70	+0.30	...
(Accum Units)	120.30	125.10	+0.50	
Europe Gth	155.90	161.70	+0.40	0.12
(Accum Units)	161.10	167.10	+0.40	0.12
Euro Smaller Cos	29.05	30.20	+0.28	
French Growth	81.69	84.92	-0.68	0.34
Accum Units	87.64	91.10	-0.73	0.44
H Kong & China	78.84	81.95	-0.10	1.72
Intl Growth	58.99	61.32	+0.05	0.53
(Accum Units)	58.48	61.83	+0.05	0.53
Japan Gth	31.50	32.74	-0.04	
Accum Units	31.50	32.74	-0.04	
Japan Smaller Cos	37.14	38.61	-0.26	
Glob Emg Mkts	96.22	100.00	+0.33	
Accum Units	98.91	100.70	+0.30	
SE Asia	327.80	340.80	+3.40	0.32
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	56.27	58.00	+0.11	5.60

JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Cap	132.30	140.60	-0.30	
Income	154.19	164.03	-0.39	3.72
UK Growth	58.21	61.92	-0.07	0.57
International	77.34	82.27	-0.19	0.08
Ecology	81.69	86.90†	+0.25	1.24
European	127.08	135.19	-0.88	
Far Eastern	294.00	312.70	-0.70	

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	50.35	53.56	-0.15	7.19
Gilt Yield	115.30	121.70	+0.30	6.58
Global Income	210.50	223.90†	+0.54	4.28
High Yield	137.70	146.50†	+0.64	6.05
(Accum Units)	421.30	448.20†	+1.81	6.05
Smlr Cos Div	51.31	54.59†	-0.11	3.07
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	95.26	101.30	+0.90	
North American	80.21	85.33	-0.67	0.15
European Special	112.80	120.00	+0.90	0.13
European	158.70	168.80	-0.20	0.36
(Accum Units)	208.40	221.70	+0.30	0.36
Global Eqty Inc	104.90	111.60	-0.30	1.08
Japan	393.40	418.90†	-0.80	
Japanese Special	216.80	230.60	-1.10	
Master Accum	238.00	253.20		0.54
Pacific	328.80	349.80	+1.00	
(Accum Units)	385.70	410.30	+1.20	
Smaller Cos	108.90	115.90†	-0.30	1.31
UK Equity Growth	38.48	40.94	-0.35	1.59
UK Index Inc	280.00	283.80	+0.11	4.05

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KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 0171 629 1663

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Global Inc & Gth	62.89	66.90	+0.06	
Inv Trust	66.06	70.27	+0.41	
Cautious Inc/Gth	59.77	63.58		1.50
High Inc Acc	55.60	59.13	+0.22	4.00

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 588 2800

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income	571.30	583.00		8.19
Intl & General	409.10	417.40		0.44

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Bridge Income	280.01	276.61†	+0.11	5.42
Inc & Growth Inc	55.79	59.35	-0.19	4.57
Smaller Cos	56.60	60.21†	+0.06	1.48

LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 823

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Growth Trust	249.20	265.00	+0.30	1.91
High Income	109.00	115.90	+0.40	4.34
International	99.66	106.00	+0.10	0.63
Recovery Trust	65.88	70.08†	+0.12	1.44
European Trust	82.84	87.87	+0.28	0.75
Japanese Trust	41.97	44.84	-0.17	
American Trust	89.95	95.69†	+0.26	0.31
Managed	67.73	72.05	+0.21	0.89
Cash	50.27	50.27†	+0.01	4.74

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 374 0916

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Cap	374.10	380.40		2.69
UK Inc/Gth	401.50	407.60		3.39
UK Income	277.90	282.30		4.08
UK Sm Cos	235.70	244.60		2.00
Euro Gwth	133.10	134.10		
N Amer Gwth	88.05	88.98		0.27
Japan Growth	65.81	66.57		
Money Mkt	124.13	124.13	..	1.650

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	483.90	514.80	+1.00	2.70
(Accum Units)	951.80	£10.23	+2.00	2.70
Equity Income	99.73	106.10	+0.50	3.95
UK Tactical Allocn	58.09	61.69	+0.23	4.43
European	121.70	129.58†	+0.10	1.19
Far Eastern	215.50	229.30	-0.80	
Fixed Interest	51.41	54.69	+0.12	6.88
Gilt	87.82	93.13†	+0.16	6.57
Global Growth	73.48	78.17	-0.06	8.35
Intl Bond	53.12	56.42	+0.03	4.84
Japanese	69.96	74.43	-0.24	
North American	153.40	163.20	+1.00	0.94
Pacific Growth	111.20	118.30†	-0.20	0.25
UK Index	63.70	67.23†	+0.18	3.15
UK Recovery	92.98	98.92†	+0.38	1.91
UK Smaller Cos	124.10	132.00	+0.20	1.60
US Index	84.44	88.01	+0.05	1.63
European Index	77.95	83.27	-0.23	1.77
Japan Index	42.23	44.57		0.04
Worldwide	83.63	88.97†	+0.15	1.65

LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Growth	51.03	54.79	+0.14	2.08
Income	59.58	63.73†	+0.05	2.95
Far East	52.58	56.30†	+0.02	.06
North American	100.70	107.70†	+1.00	
Global	93.81	100.10	-0.50	.32
European	87.98	94.10	+0.13	0.92
Japan	104.60	111.90	-0.70	
Intl Currency Bd	60.29	64.00†	-0.03	4.77
SE Asia	101.80	108.90†	+0.10	
UK Cap Growth	92.98	99.44†	-0.66	1.48

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 338 Dealing: 01634 834 313

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	343.80	365.80†	-3.10	2.98
-do- Acc	791.80	842.40	-7.30	2.98
Cond Euro Gth	67.81	71.38	+0.27	1.07
-do- Acc	72.46	76.28	+0.30	1.07
Extra Inc	260.00	276.60	-2.20	4.11
-do- Acc	675.10	718.20	-5.80	4.11
FTSE 100 Inc	103.00	109.60	+0.60	2.59
FTSE 100 Acc	103.00	109.60	+0.60	2.58
German Gth	130.30	137.20	+0.40	
-do- Acc	136.60	143.80	+0.40	
Growth Port	552.00	587.30	+1.80	0.32
-do- Acc	561.20	597.10	-1.60	0.32
Hi Reserve Inc	103.50	110.20	+0.40	6.35
Hi Reserve Acc	103.50	110.20	+0.40	6.35
Income	489.10	520.40	-2.10	3.69
-do- Acc	£13.37	£14.23	+5.00	3.69
Income Port	517.80	550.70	+1.80	3.80
-do- Acc	563.80	599.20	-1.90	3.80
Japan Growth	101.70	108.20	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	102.00	108.60	-1.30	
Master Trust	58.68	62.43	-0.54	1.40
-do- Acc	65.57	69.70	-0.60	1.40
N American Gen	186.60	198.80	-0.20	
-do- Acc	215.70	229.50	-0.30	
N Am Sm Co Rec	138.90	147.80	-2.90	
-do- Acc	141.70	150.80	-3.00	
Pacific Basin	258.10	274.60	-4.70	0.89
-do- Acc	274.20	291.80	-5.00	0.89
Small Cos Rec	379.70	399.70†	-13.70	2.00
-do- Acc	512.40	539.40	+17.70	2.00
UK Growth	86.37	91.89	-0.88	2.56
-do- Acc	105.00	111.80	-0.90	2.56
Worldwide Gth	315.30	335.50	+0.50	0.80
-do- Acc	465.00	494.70	+0.50	0.80

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	68.64	73.85	-0.02	0.10
General	87.07	93.42†	+0.24	2.40
Income	65.39	70.15	+0.37	5.50
International	64.71	69.45	+0.06	0.40
Japan	56.16	60.25	-0.07	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	67.31	72.22†	-0.50	1.20

M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	404.60	429.10	-2.30	0.55
(Accum Units)	504.40	533.40	-2.80	0.55
Amer Recovery	480.10	507.70†	-2.50	0.41
(Accum Units)	551.70	583.30†	-2.90	0.41
Amer Smllr Cos	132.00	139.60	-0.50	
(Accum Units)	134.80	142.70	-0.50	
Australasian	154.70	163.60	-0.80	2.12
(Accum Units)	189.20	200.10	-1.00	2.12
Capital	846.50	895.20	-2.70	2.61
(Accum Units)	971.30	£10.27	-3.20	2.61
Charifund	698.30	705.30†	+3.30	5.61
(Accum Units)	£33.17	£33.50†	-15.60	5.61
Commodity	388.80	411.20	-1.80	0.46
(Accum Units)	570.80	603.70	-2.70	0.46
Compound Gth	957.10	£10.12†	-3.60	3.02
(Accum Units)	£10.16	£10.75†	+3.80	3.02
Dividend	41.10	43.50†	+0.18	4.24
(Accum Units)	175.30	185.70†	+0.78	4.24
Equity Income	348.50	368.50	+3.30	4.75
(Accum Units)	452.70	478.70	-2.90	4.75
Euro & General	511.20	540.60	-2.40	1.27
(Accum Units)	648.60	682.90	-2.90	1.27
Euro Dividend	73.20	77.40	-0.30	3.42
(Accum Units)	88.20	93.20	-0.40	3.42
Extra Yield	422.20	446.50	-2.20	4.76
(Accum Units)	£13.34	£14.10	+6.80	4.76
Far Eastern	347.60	367.60	-3.00	0.62
(Accum Units)	461.40	488.00	-4.00	0.62
Fund of Inv Tss	609.90	646.80†	-2.40	2.09
(Accum Units)	£11.50	£12.17†	-4.60	2.09
General	62.80	66.40	-0.30	3.65
(Accum Units)	176.60	186.60	-0.80	3.65
Gilt Income	59.42	59.51†	-0.14	7.80
(Accum Units)	167.70	168.01†	-0.32	7.60
Gold	62.90	66.50	-0.10	0.67
(Accum Units)	74.30	78.60		0.67
High Income	29.30	31.00	-0.20	4.76
(Accum Units)	117.60	124.30	+0.50	4.76
Intl Growth	78.70	80.50	-0.50	0.55
(Accum Units)	132.30	140.50	-0.80	0.55
International Inc	99.80	105.50†	-0.60	4.66
(Accum Units)	150.20	158.80†	-0.90	4.66
Japan & Gen	42.20	44.60†	-0.70	
(Accum Units)	45.30	47.90†	-0.70	
Japan Smllr Cos	145.40	153.60†	-1.90	
(Accum Units)	146.40	154.90†	-1.90	
Managed Income	27.80	29.20†		3.86
Midland	62.70	66.50†	+0.50	3.21
(Accum Units)	211.90	224.10†	+1.20	3.21
Pension Ex	957.80	981.80†	-3.90	4.15
Recovery	42.60	45.00	-0.10	2.48
(Accum Units)	69.90	73.90	-0.20	2.48
Second General	71.40	75.50	-0.40	3.48
(Accum Units)	185.40	196.10	-1.00	3.48
Smaller Cos	68.40	72.30	-0.30	3.12
(Accum Units)	136.30	144.20	-0.60	3.12
Sterling Hi Inc	24.57	24.68	-0.03	6.47
Treasury	25.09	25.13†	-0.01	6.23
Trustee	41.70	44.10	-0.10	3.33
(Accum Units)	170.70	180.80†	+0.50	3.33

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	84.11	89.47	-0.16	1.59
Intl Bond	64.30	67.59†	+0.04	5.53
Intl Equity Growth	72.93	77.65	+0.18	0.89
N Amer Growth	99.55	106.01	-0.40	1.02
Special Sits Growth	21.73	23.11	-0.04	2.01
UK Growth	376.20	400.20†	-2.00	2.95
(Accum Units)	497.50	529.20	-2.73	2.95

MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Fd	£13.16	£13.41†		2.30
Income	950.40	£10.05		4.63

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	132.70	141.80		[illegible]

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 01438 747 414

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Growth Units	203.50	217.60	+1.10	2.29
Gilt & Fxd Int	169.60	178.70	-0.20	6.59
Intl Growth	212.10	225.70		0.37
North American	194.10	207.10	-0.20	0.40
Far East	276.90	296.10	-0.90	1.26
UK Smaller Cos	177.20	189.50	-0.30	1.63
European	83.17	88.45	+0.38	0.37
Japanese Growth	47.62	50.71	-0.34	
High Income	190.70	204.00	+1.10	4.13

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 055

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
M & S Inv Pfolio	155.30	163.50	+0.31	2.15
-do- Accum	178.80	188.20	+0.31	2.15
UK Sel Pfolio	134.10	141.20	-0.43	2.42
-do- Accum	155.90	164.10	-0.43	2.42

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	70.01	74.48	..	3.76

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	72.39	76.84	+0.05	4.33
European	84.85	90.07	+0.01	0.98
Income	73.42	77.94†	+0.19	5.32
Nth American	66.42	70.51	-0.29	0.53
Far East	166.70	177.00	-1.20	..
Japan	54.07	57.40	-0.40	..
Emrging Mkts	91.62	97.09	+0.07	
Intl Growth	110.00	116.80†	-0.30	0.69
UK Growth	94.08	99.87	+0.47	1.47
UK Smlr Co	46.78	49.66†	+0.07	1.11
Asian Opps Fd	36.80	39.36	-0.19	0.33

MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Income	421.0	447.87	+0.72	3.99
Global Inc	69.18	73.60	-0.04	2.81
Brit Leaders	381.16	384.21	+0.59	2.33
Intl Leaders	208.15	221.44	+1.01	0.74
PAM Mg Bal Grth	62.87	65.32	-0.06	0.83

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2060

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	212.50	225.50	+0.200	
(Accum Units)	227.10	240.90	+0.200	...
American Opps	93.79	100.00	-0.10	..
(Accum Units)	94.96	101.39		
British Blue Chip	80.60	85.68†	+0.460	2.81
(Accum Units)	100.00	106.30†	+0.500	2.81
Cash	100.40	100.40	+0.100	6.06
(Accum Units)*	139.40	139.40	+0.100	6.06
Emerging Mkts	103.80	111.40	-0.10	0.13
(Accum Units)	103.70	111.50	-0.10	0.13
European Growth	261.30	278.60	+0.600	0.16
(Accum Units)	281.30	298.30	+0.700	0.16
European Income	86.65	91.30	-0.130	3.15
(Accum Units)	116.70	123.30	+0.200	3.13
General	506.40	539.10	+1.900	2.33
(Accum Units)	1004	1068	+3.000	2.30
Global Bond	127.00	133.40	-0.30	5.18
(Accum Units)	156.50	164.40	-0.40	5.18
Gold & General	195.60	210.30	-1.90	0.43
(Accum Units)	200.70	215.80	-1.90	0.43
Govt Securities	91.48	94.30	+0.110	5.81
(Accum Units)	178.10	183.80	+0.200	5.81
Income	153.10	162.80†	+1.100	4.36
(Accum Units)	243.20	258.80†	+1.700	4.36
Inc Portfolio	97.47	103.50	+0.600	5.07
(Accum Units)	99.73	105.90	+0.600	5.07
Intl Opps	489.40	500.20	+1.300	0.18
(Accum Units)	626.90	668.00	+1.700	0.18
Japan	161.60	172.20	-0.60	..
(Accum Units)	165.00	175.70	-0.70	..
New Europe	183.30	195.50	+0.700	1.03
(Accum Units)	188.90	201.50	+0.700	1.03
Pacific	115.40	123.10	-0.10	0.83
(Accum Units)	123.50	131.70	-0.10	0.83
Recovery	288.90	305.20†	+0.400	0.84
(Accum Units)	372.60	397.40†	+0.400	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	54.96	58.62	-1.35	0.88
(Accum Units)	62.21	66.36	-1.53	0.88
Portfolio	80.81	85.83	+0.230	2.69
(Accum Units)	96.47	102.40	+0.300	2.69
Managed Gth	100.30	104.90	+0.400	1.81
Managed Inc	105.10	109.10	+0.400	4.12

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Plus	121.27	129.14†	+0.47	0.83
Portfolio	67.89	72.22	+0.26	0.54
UK Income Inc	76.95	81.88	+0.56	4.58

MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 128

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	60.37	63.21	+0.12	3.29
(Accum Units)	64.55	67.59	+0.09	3.29
British Tst	85.72	89.76	+0.12	1.96
(Accum Units)	100.60	105.30	+0.20	1.96
Extra High Inc	67.58	70.76	+0.14	6.44
(Accum Units)	132.20	138.40	+0.30	6.44
FT-SE 100 Acc	58.33	58.98	+0.12	2.57
FT-SE 100 Dist	55.46	58.07	+0.12	2.57
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.17	56.37	+0.10	7.03
(Accum Units)	158.00	165.30	+0.30	7.03
High Yield	217.00	227.20†	+0.20	5.80
(Accum Units)	557.60	583.80†	+0.50	5.80
Income	288.30	301.90	+0.30	3.58
(Accum Units)	636.10	666.00	+0.70	3.59
Money Market UT	49.29	49.29†	+0.02	5.04
(Accum Units)	78.27	78.27†	+0.04	5.04
Monthly Income	85.42	89.44	+0.17	5.06
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	104.30	111.80	+0.10	1.78
European Growth	105.90	112.20	-0.30	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	86.79	92.07	+0.17	6.63
Income	86.43	91.95	+0.18	2.78
Japan Growth	52.11	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Managed	70.47	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.34
Money Market	51.77	53.23	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	91.92	97.44	-0.93	0.46
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	95.25	101.30	-0.10	1.74
European Growth	89.54	95.62	-0.20	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	82.71	87.74	-0.45	5.93
Income	84.88	90.30	-0.16	2.64
Japan Growth	51.98	55.10	-0.72	
Managed	67.28	71.68	-0.13	2.35
Money Market	51.77	55.31	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	93.51	99.52	-0.89	0.55
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	95.43	[illegible]	-0.10	1.73
European Growth	97.27	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Gilt & Fixed Int	51.49	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.15
Income	83.70	89.04	[illegible]	2.67
Japan Growth	50.76	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Managed	70.21	74.69	-0.07	2.35
Money Market	75.41	78.94	-0.05	4.35
North American	93.01	98.69	-0.93	0.42

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
International (US$)	12.89	13.25		

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 226 0123

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	309.47	327.50†	-0.69	
European Gth Inc	452.20	483.70†	-3.70	0.25
(Accum Units)	458.10	491.00†	-3.50	0.29
Intl Gwth	196.60	209.20	+0.20	
UK Equity Inc	187.50	199.80	+3.50	3.12
UK Inc Gwth Inc	163.10	174.43	-0.80	2.86
(Accum Units)	193.60	206.90	-0.90	2.86
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	213.30	222.10	-0.90	1.22
Japan Tracker	26.94	27.46	[illegible]	
Asian Tracker	243.19	257.20	[illegible]	0.29
Managed Inc	157.20	166.60	[illegible]	1.37
Deposit Inc	93.80	99.80	[illegible]	5.09
Europa	127.56	136.60	-1.70	
Genesis	155.66	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.15
High Income	21.54	22.99†	-0.01	10.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Acumen	96.61	98.70†	-0.13	2.52
Acumen Inc	78.41	82.42†	+0.02	2.52
Acumen Reserve	84.67	85.71†	-0.02	3.55
-do- Inc	71.74	72.45†	-0.02	[illegible]
American Growth	161.50	166.40	-0.22	
Cash Income	50.07	51.57†	-0.02	5.48
Equity Income	86.55	93.47	-0.41	4.72
European	70.16	74.58	-0.25	0.51
Smaller Cos	79.75	83.58	-0.35	1.23
W'wide Eqty	86.40	91.57	[illegible]	2.52
Global Bond	43.97	44.45†	-0.13	6.64
UK Growth	96.27	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.09
Pacific Growth	109.63	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Growth	90.40	92.12	-0.09	

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Avon Equity	[illegible]	132.25	[illegible]	2.73

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	74.49	79.23	+0.12	[illegible]
UK Income	102.45	[illegible]	-1.76	[illegible]
Higher Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.43	4.46
Smaller Cos	81.46	86.86†	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.82	[illegible]

NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.25	0.72
European Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Far East Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.50	
Global Care Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.39	[illegible]
Gross Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	-4.20	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.64
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.64
UK Extra Inc Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.15
Wwde Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wwde Inc Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.68

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 3[illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fund of Funds Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nrth America Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Gth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK General Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Income Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 [illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.47
Bridge Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Continental	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Foundation	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Higher Income Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Managed Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
General Opps Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Property Shares	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Inc Gilt Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cap Inc UK Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exempt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
German	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.78
Mngd Pflio Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mngd Pflio Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monthly Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Managed	97.34	[illegible]		[illegible]

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Index Trckg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Index Trckg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pan European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nth American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N Amer Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japanese	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
South East Asian	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt & Convertible	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Property	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.67
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Nth American Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worldwide Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hong Kong Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Equities Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wwide Bond Inc	62.52	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.12
Emrgng Asia Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.13	55.10†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thailand Inc	176.20	189.46	[illegible]	0.64
Gold Trust Inc	69.97	75.35	[illegible]	0.82
New Zealand Inc	95.15	102.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	63.46	68.22	-0.33	1.51
Latin Am Cmp Inc	59.52	64.28	-0.36	
UK All Sh Mtr Inc	59.22	62.56	-0.13	2.67
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	75.74	80.66	-1.39	..
Global Portfolio	68.85	73.64	-1.02	..
Global Opps	65.78	70.35	-0.62	..
Marsh Global Gth	64.36	66.35	-0.45	..
AAM Global Equity	54.69	57.97	-0.01	..
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	91.05	98.07†	-2.21	..
Temple Equity Inc	44.75	48.82	-0.16	2.45
Hartley Growth	75.90	80.45	+0.56	1.06
Intl Growth Inc	83.80	89.63	-0.07	0.31
IPS Portfolio Inc	81.61	87.28	-0.25	..
St Jms Mk Inc Inc	47.39	49.32	-0.12	..
Premier Portfos Inc	66.84	71.49	-0.15	1.99
Boxborough Strat Gth	72.00	77.01	-0.05	0.37
Tech Analysis	101.90	108.00	+0.20	
Rosebery Growth	45.13	49.18	-0.05	0.90
International Sear	78.83	84.42	-0.16	
UFC Ind-Acr Grth	54.18	58.35	-0.17	..
Coverdale Topout	49.27	53.23	-0.11	..
Prem Equity Inc	108.50	115.00	-0.10	..
Lowes Intl Growth	46.70	49.16	-0.14	1.05

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity	248.50	264.30	+1.60	2.63
(Accum Units)	524.40	557.90	+3.30	2.62
Growth	157.80	166.10†	+0.80	2.81
Income	242.50	257.90†	+1.30	3.84
Intl Equity	257.30	273.70	+0.40	1.23
(Accum Units)	284.40	302.50	+0.40	1.23
UK Income	67.55	71.86	+0.44	3.39
UK Intl 25	81.31	87.13	+0.43	2.36
New Europe	82.17	87.41	+0.44	1.05

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	598.82	640.45	+5.33	0.55
(Accum Units)	599.44	641.12	+5.34	0.55
Income	368.48	394.08†	+0.77	3.30
Wwide Recovery	388.97	416.02	+3.57	0.61
Amer Growth Inc	230.78	246.83	-2.78	0.01
(Accum Units)	230.78	246.83	-2.78	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	241.98	257.84	-1.96	0.08
Far East Grth Inc	280.26	299.75	-1.86	0.46
(Accum Units)	280.25	299.75	-1.96	0.45
Euro Gwth Inc	147.75	158.03	+1.02	0.74
(Accum Units)	148.13	158.43	+1.03	0.74
UK Growth Inc	92.64	99.09	+0.22	2.75
(Accum Units)	97.47	104.25	+0.24	2.75
High Income	99.05	105.94	-0.19	4.01
Jap Gwth Inc	217.03	231.32	+1.74	0.01
(Accum Units)	217.03	231.32	+1.74	0.01
PEP Growth	120.51	128.89	+0.76	1.18
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	125.17	133.88	+1.37	0.01
(Accum Units)	125.17	133.88	+1.37	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	134.44	143.79	-2.02	0.01
(Accum Units)	134.44	143.79	+2.02	0.01
Global Bond	56.22	59.22	+0.48	5.55
UK Smaller Cos Inc	82.65	88.40	+0.23	1.56
(Accum Units)	85.86	91.83	+0.24	1.56

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3927

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	101.07	107.52†	+0.49	
European	72.70	77.34	-0.87	
Global	62.12	66.08	+0.21	
Pacific	57.19	60.84†	-0.41	
UK Inc & Grth	65.77	69.97	+0.22	1.90

POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0116 2550 540

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
99 Director Digs	95.05	101.23	+0.44	0.35

PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Fund of Funds	161.25	170.83	+0.17	0.10
Emerg Mkts	45.18	47.81	-0.14	

PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	62.15	65.87		2.39
Growth Income	65.09	68.98	+0.21	2.11

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Principal Tst	138.38	147.30	-0.03	1.73

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Income	97.35	103.60	+0.10	3.37
Conv & Gilt	113.70	121.00	-0.40	6.25
European Income	75.76	80.58†	+0.25	2.78
Extra Income	155.20	165.10	-0.50	3.82
(Accum Units)	190.10	202.20	+0.70	3.62
Far East	389.10	413.90	+1.00	0.08
(Accum Units)	396.40	421.80	-1.10	0.08
Global Income	26.27	27.95	+0.02	4.29
High Income	116.80	124.20†	+0.40	3.43
(Accum Units)	141.70	150.80	-0.50	3.43
International	199.00	211.70†	+1.10	0.63
(Accum Units)	205.10	218.10	-1.00	0.65
Pref & Fxd Int	43.15	45.81†	+0.17	7.75
Recovery	75.41	80.22	+0.10	2.63
Special Sits	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Technology	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Blue Chip	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3963

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income & Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Nth Amer Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overseas Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq 0171 911 4466

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash Haven Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash Haven Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dist Trust Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dist Trust Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equity Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Sm Co	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japanese	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nth Amer	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Mkts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Premier Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sm Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Spec Sits	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
British Life	205.30	[illegible]	-1.00	[illegible]

For Pearl Asset see Newton Fund

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FA America (Inc)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FA America (Acc)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FA UK Equity Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FA Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
FA Major UK Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FA Smlr UK Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FA European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FA Amer Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FA Asia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FA Jap Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	100.67	106.96	-0.65	
UK Smllr Cos	94.91	[illegible]	[illegible]	
UK Income	100.04	106.30	-0.78	
America	108.55	114.60	-0.50	
Japanese	56.16	59.36	-0.02	
European	105.69	111.15	-0.20	
Gilt	89.51	[illegible]	-0.13	
Deposit	84.57	89.32	-0.04	
Managed	101.61	106.95	-0.35	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	97.99	103.14	-0.64	
UK Smaller Cos	82.79	87.14	-0.21	
UK Income	97.57	102.70	[illegible]	
America	105.32	111.49	-0.49	
Japanese	53.67	56.49	-0.02	
European	102.54	107.94	[illegible]	
Gilt	88.20	92.83	-0.12	
Deposit	80.62	84.86	-0.05	
Managed	95.00	99.47	-0.36	

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
United States	85.57	91.42	-0.13	0.20
Pacific Basin	75.44	81.08	-0.15	
High Inc Dist	136.60	146.00	-0.70	4.47
Rl Life Inc Conv	52.65	55.52	-0.04	3.84
Rl Life Intl Gwth	88.16	93.85	-0.06	[illegible]
Rl Life Intl Spec	63.64	67.29	-0.08	
UK Emerging Cos	124.60	132.50	-0.50	[illegible]
UK Index Trckg	155.20	165.80	-1.50	3.23
European	134.73	144.43	-0.73	0.26
Managed	150.30	161.40	-0.10	[illegible]

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 784 400

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	143.80	152.40		0.40
European Growth	117.20	125.20		1.12
Far East Growth	127.03	135.30		0.60
Japan Growth	133.90	141.40		
Special Sits	199.00	211.70		1.46
UK Growth	79.16	84.20		2.25
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		0.85

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6500

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Far East Inc	163.60	173.10	-0.40	0.13
Gt Euro Prog Inc	340.90	360.60	-1.50	0.25
(Accum Units)	623.10	662.50	-2.40	0.25
Growth Inc	123.20	130.90	-1.00	0.53
(Accum Units)	134.70	142.50	-0.80	0.53
International Inc	338.40	358.10	-3.10	0.43
(Accum Units)	464.10	491.10	-4.20	0.43
NA Acc & Inc Inc	324.40	342.90	-1.50	0.42
UK Gen Prog Inc	228.70	[illegible]	-1.50	1.70
UK High Inc Inc	136.00	143.90	-0.90	3.77

SARWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	67.07	71.35		
Amer Smllr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Asian Gwth	114.23	121.50	-0.31	0.75
European Gwth	70.71	75.23	-0.31	1.00
Global Inc	59.03	62.80	-0.04	[illegible]
Global Bd	59.26	63.13	-3.04	0.50
Japanese Eq				
Japan Sm Cos	56.20	59.78	-0.06	
UK Gilt				
UK Gwth	63.50	66.61	-0.34	1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Gwth	72.72	78.94†	-0.63	3.42
Amer Smllr Cos	122.40	[illegible]	-0.50	
Asian Smaller Cos	41.45	44.36	-0.07	
Asia Pac Portfolio	128.03	[illegible]	-0.60	1.93
Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]		5.56
China Dragon	58.81	[illegible]	-3.56	1.76
Commodity	115.30	122.30	-3.90	0.46
Europe Corporate	93.45	99.38	-0.26	
Emerging Mkts	39.06	41.55	-0.09	2.46
Energy Inds	129.80	137.60	-0.40	3.65
European Growth	192.56	204.80		0.67
Euro Inc & Gwth	78.25	84.34	-0.09	2.00
Euro Smlr Cos	53.69	57.12	-0.16	
Extra Income	52.32	54.12†	-0.15	5.78
Financial Secs	212.90	228.55		1.78
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	47.51	50.55	-0.02	8.79
Gold & Exclusive	73.11	79.80	-0.15	
High Return	231.60	246.70	-0.60	4.20
High Yield	233.90	248.60	-0.53	3.73
Income	121.56	129.30	+2.40	4.22
Intl Bond	116.30	121.30	-1.20	5.39
[illegible]	[illegible]	173.90	-0.60	1.29
Japan Growth	151.20	159.00	-1.90	
Japan Smaller	161.50	171.50†	-2.50	
Korea	60.98	64.87	-0.32	
Mastersel	59.47	63.01	-0.05	1.37
Scotbits	322.30	342.50	-0.30	1.56
Scotgrowth	301.50	320.70	-0.70	2.39
Scotshares	245.50	261.20	-0.70	2.65
Select Intl	158.30	167.60	-0.70	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc	244.50	259.50	+0.30	2.85
UK Asia	54.18	57.64†	-0.29	
Special Situations	130.00	138.50	-0.30	0.86
UK Equity	282.80	300.80	+0.50	2.79
UK Growth	66.10	70.32	-0.19	1.62
US & Overs	169.30	180.10	-0.10	1.35
UK Smlr Cos Grwth	48.04	51.11	-0.25	1.64
US Growth	155.50	165.40	-1.20	0.42
Univ Growth	137.70	146.50†	-0.60	0.76

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Cnt: 0800 526 535 Bnr: 0800 526 540

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Retail Funds				
American	269.52	286.15†	-3.44	1.07
(Accum Units)	294.61	312.79†	-3.75	1.07
European Gwth	78.33	83.10	-0.41	1.03
Euro Smlr Cos	80.77	86.12	-0.83	0.57
Far Eastern Gth	96.50	102.93	-0.53	
(Accum Units)	98.25	104.79	-0.53	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	51.00	53.78	-0.11	7.76
Global Bond	52.01	53.74	-0.19	6.81
(Accum Units)	57.06	58.96	-0.21	6.81
Global Emer Mkts	53.76	57.34†	+0.29	
(Accum Units)	53.76	57.34†	+0.29	
Income	360.20	384.21	+1.39	5.04
(Accum Units)	£11.45	£12.21	+4.41	5.04
Japan Smlr Cos	452.38	482.43	-2.95	
(Accum Units)	453.19	483.29	-2.96	
Japan Enterprise	66.91	71.37†	-0.27	
Pacific Gwth	136.53	145.63	+0.35	0.32
(Accum Units)	140.94	150.34	+0.37	0.32
Portfolio	83.09	88.62	+0.25	2.16
(Accum Units)	90.22	96.22	+0.27	2.16
Seoul	46.71	50.26	+0.88	..
(Accum Units)	46.71	50.26	+0.88	
Smaller Cos	216.34	230.65	-0.05	1.51
Tokyo	121.92	130.04	-0.09	
(Accum Units)	123.15	131.36	-0.02	
UK Enterprise	267.44	285.26	+0.96	2.16
(Accum Units)	320.82	342.20	+1.14	2.16
UK Equity	249.88	266.32	+0.62	2.81
(Accum Units)	485.16	517.51	+1.22	2.81
US Smlr Cos	189.77	181.08†	+1.87	
(Accum Units)	48.83	51.88†	+0.61	0.76
Institutional Funds				
European	248.40	258.27	-0.20	1.44
(Accum Units)	276.57	287.57	-0.22	1.44
Euro Smlr Cos	29.77	31.01	+0.08	1.74
(Accum Units)	31.59	32.90	+0.08	1.74
Global Equity Inc	79.75	83.07†	+0.12	1.02
Japan Smlr Cos	37.20	38.74	-0.35	0.32
(Accum Units)	37.48	39.04	-0.35	0.32
Mngd Balanced	192.63	200.65†	+0.41	2.99
(Accum Units)	219.82	228.97†	+0.47	2.99
Overseas Equity	193.93	202.01	-0.20	1.05
(Accum Units)	200.80	209.16	-0.21	1.05
Overs Smlr Cos	124.69	130.09	-0.52	0.81
(Accum Units)	130.63	136.07	-0.54	0.81
Pacific	257.02	267.72†	-1.84	1.25
(Accum Units)	281.17	292.88†	-1.79	1.25
Recovery	£18.91	£19.70	+5.15	2.98
(Accum Units)	£20.00	£20.83	+5.44	2.98
UK Index	159.60	166.24	+0.81	3.49
(Accum Units)	194.69	202.81	+0.99	3.49
UK Small Cos	115.20	120.00	+0.47	2.83
(Accum Units)	123.53	128.68	+0.51	2.83
US Smlr Cos	48.73	50.76†	+0.60	0.76

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	51.15	54.46	+0.10	3.77
Equity Trust	63.20	67.31	-0.03	3.15
Equity Strategy	74.04	78.86	-0.15	1.51
European Opps	90.79	96.60	-0.59	1.05
UK Smaller Cos	64.03	68.19	+0.17	1.55
Maximum Inc	99.13	101.70	+0.05	6.95
Japanese	75.12	80.00	+0.01	
Asia Pacific	122.12	130.08	+0.32	1.34
American	109.59	116.71	+0.53	0.56

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cash	31.30	31.30	+0.01	5.865
UK General Inc	54.02	57.62	-0.31	2.84
(Accum Units)	69.37	73.99	-0.39	2.84
Intl Income	269.80	287.10†	-0.40	1.01
(Accum Units)	465.20	495.80†	-0.60	1.01
European	84.07	89.95	+0.02	1.47
Japan	68.65	72.76	-0.11	0.06
American	71.93	76.15†	-0.38	1.92
Far East	88.20	91.95	+0.32	0.76
Ethical Inc	30.63	32.78†	+0.08	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	35.14	37.54†	+0.18	2.86
High Yld Inc	36.51	38.73†	+0.24	3.44
UK Global Inc	40.65	43.33	-0.04	1.57
Wwide Tact	71.63	76.15†	-0.09	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	56.41	58.90	+0.26	1.51
Technology	114.91	122.33†	+0.32	1.51

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	395.80	422.70	+1.20	2.86
American	279.00	298.80	+1.80	0.51
Pacific	389.10	416.20	+0.30	0.66
European	575.80	615.80	+0.80	1.30
Worldwide	90.16	96.43	+0.27	0.68

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	274.10	291.70	+0.40	1.80
(Accum Units)	346.10	368.30	-0.40	1.80
UK Sh Co Eq Inc	203.60	216.70	-0.80	2.13
(Accum Units)	244.20	259.80	+0.80	2.13
Select Opptnty Inc	68.37	73.13	+0.01	2.24
Income Plus Inc	72.48	77.11	+0.10	4.09
European Inc	360.30	383.30†	-0.40	1.19
(Accum Units)	407.00	433.00†	+0.40	1.19
Far Eastern Inc	178.90	190.40†		0.88
(Accum Units)	204.70	217.80†		0.88
Japanese Inc	60.00	63.83†	+0.16	
Nth American Inc	245.60	261.30†	+0.30	0.61
(Accum Units)	271.00	288.40†	+0.30	0.61
[illegible]	204.70	217.90	-0.30	0.84
Wwde [illegible] Inc	82.41	87.69	+0.40	0.82

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3724

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity Inc	366.40	392.50	-1.00	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	546.70	585.10	-1.60	[illegible]
UK High Inc	134.20	[illegible]	-0.40	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	270.40	288.40	-0.50	[illegible]
Europe Inc	381.10	406.40	-3.60	[illegible]
Nth American Inc	227.00	242.10	-1.10	
Global Inc	205.10	218.70	-2.50	[illegible]
Global Acc	220.10	234.60	-2.50	[illegible]
UK Spec Sits Inc	101.50	108.30		
South East Asia	227.80	242.10	-1.70	[illegible]
Cash Trust Inc	101.70	101.70		5.64
UK Small Cos Inc	105.10	112.10	+0.40	2.11
(Accum Units)	107.50	114.60	+0.40	2.11
Intl Bond Inc	94.57	100.40	-1.00	5.00

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Sector Recovery	147.10	154.50	+0.20	[illegible]

SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	132.10	139.00	+0.60	[illegible]
Nth American	109.30	115.00	-0.30	[illegible]
Intl Bond & Conv	120.90	127.30†	+0.10	[illegible]
Pooled Pension (T)	193.30	203.50†		2.17
Smaller Cos	76.60	80.84†	+0.34	[illegible]
UK General	132.10	139.10†	+0.80	[illegible]

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Amer Gth Funds	109.40		+1.50	
Aquila	75.66		+1.05	
Eurocomp	104.60			[illegible]
Global Equities	52.75		-0.87	[illegible]
[illegible]	53.54		+0.40	
[illegible]	99.65		+0.30	2.4
[illegible]	[illegible]		+0.20	
UK Emerg Leaders	[illegible]		+0.30	[illegible]

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	317.00	335.40	+5.70	
Cascade	68.19	72.15	+0.81	
Capital	125.30	132.30		1.57
Cash	100.66	100.66	+0.01	[illegible]
European	137.80	145.80	-1.30	[illegible]
Far Eastern	157.30	168.00	-0.70	
General	135.40	143.20	-0.50	[illegible]
Income	126.30	133.60	+0.10	[illegible]
Magnum	132.10	141.80		1.39
Smlr Secs	375.80	397.60†	-0.30	[illegible]
[illegible]	153.50	163.80†	-0.10	[illegible]

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cash	49.65	50.14†	+0.02	5.2
[illegible] Finance	54.66	58.30	+0.20	[illegible]
Ethical	57.35	61.01	-0.08	[illegible]
European Growth	77.35	82.51	-0.19	[illegible]
Income	54.83	58.48†	-0.34	[illegible]
Intl Growth	102.00	108.80†	-0.09	[illegible]
Managed	96.11	99.85	+0.29	[illegible]
UK Growth	62.99	67.18	+0.16	[illegible]

STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Standard Life Fund Mngrs Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	[illegible]	40.64	-0.18	[illegible]
Global Advtg Acc	41.34	43.58	-0.18	[illegible]
Income Advtg Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Income Advtg Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
UK Equity Gth Acc	[illegible]	72.04	-0.10	[illegible]
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	52.61	55.90	-0.26	[illegible]
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.20	[illegible]
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	47.03	39.97	+0.20	[illegible]
UK Equity Gen Acc	63.39	67.38	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Gen Inc	45.81	48.74	-0.10	[illegible]
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible] Acc	327.05	254.90	-1.60	[illegible]
Nth American Acc	47.34	50.30	+0.10	[illegible]
Far East Acc	70.45	74.84		[illegible]
European Acc	54.76	58.19	-0.80	[illegible]

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Global A (NCS)	3.216	4.047		1.89
US Eqts (US$)	2.660	2.821		0.8
Far East Eqts (yen)	213.50	226.60		
Japan Eqtes (yen)	192.40	204.40		
FT Europe	134.90	143.20		1.80
FT N Amer (US$)	1.988	2.106		0.85
FT Japan (yen)	201.30	214.30		
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.502	2.658		1.39

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	385.50	409.80	+0.70	
British	£10.21	£10.80	+4.70	3.56
Emerging Mkts	180.30	191.60†	+0.20	0.44
European	546.20	581.70	+1.50	0.58
Japan	140.60	149.70	-0.60	
New Pacific	391.60	417.10	-0.30	0.62
(Accum Units)	412.70	439.60	-0.30	0.62
Inv Trust Acc	261.30	276.90	+1.60	0.63
Mngd Equity	177.60	187.90	-0.60	1.79
Mngd Cash	95.63	95.83	-0.03	5.62

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 300

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity	843.40	902.00	+0.80	3.45
North America	130.40	139.50	-0.50	0.40
Far East	150.90	160.40	+0.10	0.27
Wider Bond	58.42	62.02†		4.56
European	106.60	114.00	+0.40	0.51
Equity Income	92.28	98.70	+0.15	[illegible]
Portfolio	88.21	94.34†	+0.18	1.82
UK Leading Cos	62.67	67.06	+0.14	3.60
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	66.73	71.37	-0.11	..

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Antares UT	22.80	24.28†	+0.02	0.8
European	38.83	41.31	+0.01	0.15
High Income	33.60	35.75†	+0.08	[illegible]
Japan	35.72	38.00	+0.11	
Managed Assets	130.23	139.23	+0.44	2.71
North American	34.04	36.22	-0.20	0.8
Smlr Co's Inc	30.52	32.47†	+0.10	2.8
Smlr Co's Acc	32.72	34.81†	+0.11	2.8
UK Growth Inc	59.32	65.11	+0.12	3.8
UK Growth Acc	64.23	68.33	+0.17	3.8
UK Income	42.06	44.99	+0.15	3.11
Worldwide Gth	36.42	38.96	+0.13	1.07
Confederation				
Canadian Exempt	59.11	60.54†	+0.03	1.76
European Exempt	85.71	88.37†	+0.23	1.38
Pacific Exempt	61.55	63.46†	+0.17	0.70
US Exempt	77.44	79.84†	+0.44	1.90

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Discretionary	49.00	52.13	-0.23	
Cap Protector Inc	42.00	44.92†	-0.14	2.58
UK Income Inc	52.39	56.03	+0.14	3.46
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.95	35.24†	+0.00	5.21
Mngd High Yld Inc	80.30	85.88†	-0.34	4.24
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	76.13	81.42†	+0.21	3.74
UK Smaller Cos	34.64	37.05	+0.15	2.04
Pacific Grth Port	49.15	52.57	+0.08	0.59

TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 348 794

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
American	217.15	229.78	-0.85	...
(Accum Units)	239.18	253.10	-1.05	..
Brit Growth	99.25	105.02†	+0.16	2.14
(Accum Units)	120.41	127.42†	+0.19	2.14
European	107.53	113.79	-0.23	1.81
(Accum Units)	114.35	121.01	+0.24	1.81
Extra Income	195.58	206.98	+0.75	4.39
(Accum Units)	338.68	358.39	+1.29	4.29
Smaller Cos	73.21	77.47	+0.13	1.57
(Accum Units)	82.56	87.37	+0.14	1.57
General	293.13	310.18	+0.56	2.41
(Accum Units)	606.73	642.05	+1.17	2.41
Premier Income	49.02	51.07†	+0.06	6.17
(Accum Units)	113.40	118.12†	+0.12	6.57
Income	339.79	359.56	+1.06	3.88
(Accum Units)	745.03	788.39	+2.33	3.88
Pacific	414.95	439.10	+1.72	..
(Accum Units)	436.01	461.38	+1.80	..
International	545.62	577.38†	+1.00	0.26
(Accum Units)	717.93	759.72†	+1.32	0.25
Nat Resources	153.21	162.12†	+0.17	
Stcd Opps	109.00	115.35	+0.02	1.74
(Accum Units)	139.56	147.67	+0.02	1.74
Environmental Inv	63.70	67.40	+0.11	1.07
Selector	63.51	67.21†	+0.13	2.03
(Accum Units)	72.27	76.47†	+0.14	2.03
High Income	85.64	89.48	+0.25	4.74
(Accum Units)	83.62	88.48	+0.31	4.74
Intl Income	59.80	63.07†	+0.05	5.85
(Accum Units)	74.82	79.17†	+0.05	5.85
Selector Income	61.35	64.82†	+0.15	4.72
(Accum Units)	73.45	77.72†	+0.17	4.72

TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0181 667 1018

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
British	336.60	354.30	+1.00	2.97

TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 469 4000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Glob Growth Inc	209.73	224.31	+0.44	1.94
Glob Balncd Inc	176.92	189.21†	+0.15	3.58
Value Tst Inc	126.33	135.11	+0.22	1.82

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Dresdner Eur Bd	41.78	43.46	+0.15	7.48
European Growth	283.74	297.10	+0.54	0.40
Exempt	539.83	583.11†	+0.63	3.00
Global Em Mkts	83.54	87.47†	-0.18	0.40
Japan Tst	75.45	79.00†	+0.05	
Little Dragons	93.48	97.88†	+0.18	
Nth Amer Gwth	239.48	250.76	-0.29	0.60
Oriental Income	45.59	47.73	+0.08	2.30
Preference	124.65	130.52†	+0.58	9.80
Tiger	287.31	300.84†	+0.97	
(Accum Units)	301.85	316.07†	+0.07	
UK Blue Chip	64.50	67.53	-0.09	2.80
UK Growth	518.06	542.47†	+1.00	2.30
UK High Yield	105.32	110.28†	+0.31	4.80
(Accum Units)	345.70	361.98†	+0.98	4.80
UK Mid-Cap	254.17	266.14†	+0.33	2.30
UK Smlr Cos	99.77	104.47	-0.06	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div	89.39	93.61	+0.44	3.20

UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 01277 690 356

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Income	101.24	107.70	+0.07	3.88
UK Equity Growth	89.55	95.27	+0.09	2.45
European	73.49	78.18	+0.15	1.13
Nth American	75.48	80.30	+0.17	1.03
Far Eastern	70.29	74.78	+0.33	0.88
Money	67.77	67.77	+0.02	4.65
Fixed Interest	72.92	77.57	+0.18	6.49
Index Linked Gilt	68.57	72.95	+0.31	1.30

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0131 225 1551

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	23.97	25.23	-0.32	
Pacific Basin	43.67	45.96	-0.20	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.89	0.93	+0.00	
Penny Share	38.68	40.71	+0.16	

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 623 2444

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Challenger	96.42	98.59	+1.80	
Short Dtd Gilt	113.96	115.30†	+0.30	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.74	0.75	+0.40	0.84
Gilt Income	50.38	52.40	+0.33	7.50
Gilt Growth	72.17	75.05	+0.33	
City Reserve	52.54	52.54	+0.01	5.75

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Mngd	51.57	54.72	+0.32	1.83
UK Stockmarket	81.84	87.05	+0.18	2.57

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital; @ Exit Charge

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Equities mark time

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
492	412	Abbey Nat	484		4.6	9.8
299	258	Allied Irish	295	+ 1	4.1	6.6
247	192	Aus New Z	247	+ 6	4.8	6.8
3237½	2531¼	Bank America	2325	- 12½		
230	197½	Bank Scotland	221			
671	557½	Barclays	667	+ 1	3.3	9.8
350	289	Bk of Ireland	349	+ 5	3.9	7.2
509	418	Cater Allen	438		4.7	
3212½	2450	Citicorp	3175	- 37½	7.1	10.5
265	219	Close Bros	265			
£156½	£129½	Commerzbank	£156	+ 265½	3.7	12.0
1525	997½	DS Intl Kan Y	1543½		2.4	
£319½	£265	Deutsche Bk	£312½	+ 396½	0.5	
891½	612½	Espirito Santo	891½	+ 71½	2.3	
1611	1192½	Fuji Bank Y	1543½	- 11½	9.5	
490	375	Gerrard Nat	458		7.4	
262	195	Hambros	249		6.6	13.2
813	589	HSBC	813	+ 6	8.9	12.9
801	578	HSBC HK	801	+ 6	4.2	10.2
295	226	Irish Perm	295	+ 2	4.2	10.1
408	363	Joseph (L)	383		2.6	
123	85	King Shaxson	109		6.1	10.6
675	529	Kleinwort Ben	662	+ 14	11.2	9.9
682	500	Lloyds	672	- 3	4.1	11.5
597	479	NZ Aust Bk	592	+ 14	4.8	11.3
557	454	Nat West	551	- 3	5.9	10.0
2400	2150	Ottoman Bank	2325		4.9	9.3
62	51	Rea Bros	52		6.7	3.3
433	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	399½	- 2½	2.4	19.1
1105½	906½	Schroders	1088	+ 39	4.5	11.3
979½	823½	Schroders N/V	930	+ 7	1.6	15.5
93	51	Singer & Fried	92		1.8	13.2
331	248	Stand Chart	329	+ 2	4.8	
258	217	TSB	252	+ 1	3.0	10.1
108	70	Ulster	104	+ 1	4.4	10.9
685	655	Warburg SG	773	+ 1	3.6	
1111	9042½	Wells Fargo	£110¼	- 31½	3.6	
257½	211	Westpac	257½	+ 2	2.7	
235	209	Wintrust	206		2.2	
					6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
172	143	Accos Hldgs	158			
574	487	Bass	567	+ 2	4.7	14.6
273	229	Boddington	270	- 1	4.1	13.9
177	152	Buckleys Brew	153		4.1	12.8
170	137	Eldridge P 'A'	153		3.3	18.6
66	51	Fosters Brewing	60	+ 2	4.7	15.2
382	355	Fuller Smi 'A'	355		2.7	15.1
475	402	Greenalls Gp	475		3.4	15.6
532	462	Greene King	510		3.2	13.9
267	240	Hardy Hansn	251	+ 1	4.7	12.2
160	150	Heineken	160		3.5	11.4
3425	3325	Irish Dist	3325		2.1	
258	219	Marston	252		2.3	15.7
312	266	Mrstn Thmp	268	- 1	2.6	14.0
465	400	Morland	455		2.9	13.7
8½	6½	Pacemaker	7½	- ½	4.0	19.3
390	307	Regent Inns	389		1.9	22.2
1681½	1287½	SA Breweries	1862½	- 18½	1.9	
564	469	Scot & New	552	- 2	2.9	15.8
237	211	Vaux Group	227	+ ½	5.5	12.8
531	448	Wetherspoon JD	527		1.7	24.4
592	521	Whitbread	575	- ½	4.4	14.9
534	482	Wolverhampton D	534		3.3	13.9
260	196	Yates Bros	243	- 11	2.0	19.1
465	450	Young 'A'	456		4.1	10.2

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	125	Abbey	140	+ 5	4.7	10.2
173	143	Allen	173	+ 4	4.0	16.2
78	56	Amect	70		5.4	
185	133	Andrews Sykes	172			
455	412	Ashtead	455	+ 3	1.6	10.5
105	79	Automated	82		6.7	
38	30	Bailey (Ben) Cons	31		4.2	7.6
45	35	Barcom	38			
195½	158	Barratt Devel	195	+ 1	4.2	13.6
149	122	Beazer Homes	149	+ 1	4.5	11.7
240	180	Bellway	239	- 1	3.8	14.0
37	27	Bellwinch	30		0.8	16.1
384	315	Berkeley Gp	383	+ 1	2.5	12.2
182	168	Bett Bros	180		3.5	5.5
245	195	Boot (Henry)	210	+ 10	4.2	9.8
129	93	Brandon Hire	117	+ 1	1.9	19.8
160	120	Br Bldg & Eng	120		8.3	16.5
134	105	Bryant	127	+ 1	5.0	12.0
121	98	CALA	121		3.1	13.8
38	29	Campbell & Arm	38	+ 1		
54	49	Clarke T	54			
24½	10	Costain	11½		9.4	13.4
110	85	Countryside	95			
81	60	Crest Nicholson	69	+ 1	5.5	12.0
98	80	Cussins	82½		3.6	9.7
25	18	Edmond Hldgs	25		5.7	
275	208	Eve Group	228	+ 5	0.8	
33	20	Galliford	20		6.6	8.3
90	85	Gibbs & Dandy	88		6.2	
863	828	Gleeson (MJ)	828		4.3	
86	71	Green (Ernest)	71		2.2	15.8
215	178	Havelock Europ	212½	+ ½	9.9	19.0
178	138	Hewden-Stuart	174	- 1	1.8	
93	73	Higgs & Hill	80	+ 2	2.4	17.1
25	16	Howard Hldgs	16		3.9	
12	8½	Jarvis	11½	+ ½	6.2	12.2
125	98	Kellen	124			
223	185	Laing (J)	203	+ 1	3.2	12.7
97	82	Laing 8.4% Cv Pf	82½		5.5	25.1
124	115	Lon Clydesdale	117		9.7	
61	32	Lovell (YJ)	39		5.7	12.4
210	185	Maunders (J)	185		3.2	4.8
181	136	McAlpine (A)	163		3.7	10.2
60	48	McCarthy & S	58	- 1	4.8	
61	51	Morgan Sindall	57			20.8
106	73	Mowlem (J)	73	- 1	3.4	33.0
213	163	Persimmon	212	+ 1	5.6	13.5
2400	1700	Pochin's	1712½		2.3	12.0
126	105	Prowting	124		3.8	
53	23	Raine Ind	30	+ 1	10.4	8.2
48	45	Secure Retire	47	+ 1		15.2
123	93	Redrow	122		2.8	14.3
67	49	Swift-River	67	+ 1	4.9	20.8
398	362	Sherif Hldgs	364	- 1	2.0	15.2
112½	88	Shotcol	94		5.1	12.1
318	268	Spandex	305		3.0	21.2
176	155	Tay Homes	159		2.8	11.1
130	114	Taylor Woodrow	128	- 1	3.2	22.3
568	433	Tilbury Douglas	465	+ 2	8.3	18.1
59½	52	Torex Hire	56		2.9	19.6
20	16	Try Group	18		6.9	25.3
109	103	Viewplan	103		4.5	18.5
116	97	Wainhomes	112		5.5	12.1
60	48	Ward Hldgs	53		3.8	7.0
147	123	Westbury	147		4.6	13.4
5½	3½	Wiggins	3½			
173	124	Wilson (C)	169	- 1	3.4	12.5
354	308	Wilson Bowden	349	- 1	3.6	12.9
138	113	Wimpey G	128	+ ½	5.4	15.5

BUILDING MATERIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
14	7½	Albrighton	10		6.2	16.9
343	331	Alumasc	338		2.5	16.9
52	47	Amberley Gp	51		3.1	26.2
324	267½	BPB Ind	288	+ 2	3.6	14.8
142	122	Baggeridge Brk	131		3.0	13.5
36	27	Baxbort	29		8.8	17.5
71	52	Blockleys	60		1.7	
321	255	Blue Circle	317	+ 3	4.6	19.6
84	72	Breedon PLC	84	+ 1	7.2	11.7
136	119	Br Dredging	121		5.8	14.6
402	338	CRH	402	+ 2	2.5	15.1
46	38	Cakebread Robey	41	- 1	3.0	
210	196	Cape	197		7.0	14.3
273	230	Caradon	270	+ 6	4.4	13.8
132	114	Carlton pft	130	+ 1	7.0	
55	24	Chelsea Gp	24		15.6	8.9
118	105	Dyson (J&J)	118		3.7	17.8
72	63	Dyson 'A'	65		6.7	9.8
18	11½	Eclipse Blinds	18	+ 1½		16.6
315	274	Epwin	314		3.5	17.5
62	53	Erith	54		5.2	
182	160	Graham Grp	181	- 1	3.6	
344	312	Halstead (J)	324		3.0	14.5
325	262	Hepworth	325	+ 3	5.7	15.4
85	80	Hewetson	81	+ 1	2.3	14.1
104½	73	Hewitt (J)	79		2.8	
268	239	Heywd Wlm	256	+ 8	6.7	12.2
85	75	Instock	78		2.4	
320	262	Johnston	315	+ 1½	4.0	
108	85	Lilleshall	89	+ 3	6.8	10.6
139½	118½	Marley	128	+ 1	4.6	11.4
140	123	Marshalls	140		4.0	12.5
371	289	Meyer Intl	348		3.9	13.6
178	160	Newman Tonks	177	+ 1	4.8	16.6
108	76	Norcros	91		9.6	17.3
16	12	Phoenix Timber	16			
191½	143	Pilkington	188	+ 1	2.7	36.2
175	122	Polypipe	168	- 1	1.8	17.7
1088	902	RMC Grp	1087	+ 8	2.6	15.9
18	8	Ramus	8			
470	406	Redland	463	+ 7	4.6	14.7
116½	91½	Rosler	103		5.2	15.4
123	104	Rugby Group	120	+ 1	3.8	14.0
101	88	Russell (A)	101		3.1	14.9
262	222	SIG	241		3.1	
19	11	SWP	17½		1.4	
180	171	Sharpe & Fisher	172		3.6	
43	36	Spring Ram	42		1.5	35.1
128	89	Tarmac	128	+ 2½	5.4	16.4
160	148	Travis	148	- ½	3.9	11.9
396	266	Travis Perkins	294	+ 2	3.8	
30	24	Tudor	30		2.1	29.0
44	34	Unigroup	44			
48	33	Watermouse	35			
115	83	Wickes	113	+ 1	2.9	5.4
400½	324	Wolseley	374	+ 2	3.0	13.1

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2	1½	Anglo Utd	1½			
86	57	Apo Hola	69			
7½	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½			
56	42	Black Arrow	55	+ 4	7.0	8.8
84	69	Br Bloodstock	75			67.3
6	3	Cale Gp	3½			
6½	4½	Chemex	5½		2.3	17.2
153	135	Cosalt	146		7.2	9.6
259½	215	Filofax	256		1.0	21.9
43	24	Headway	28		3.1	21.8
320	248	Hozelock	319		2.9	15.8
168	132	Leigh	143	+ 1	8.8	13.2
221	129	Nobo Gp	129	- 1	6.0	8.4
265	210	Photo-Me	243		2.5	23.6
68	53	Plant & Gen	57	- 1	5.6	
11	7	Fortune	9			
94	73	Stanic & McEwan	94	+ 1	2.8	
196	160	Sinclair (Wm)	195	+ 2	4.6	14.5
414	241	Waste Mgt Intl	305			11.0

CHEMICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
177	154	Albright & Wil	177	+ 2	4.2	
135	109	Allied Colloids	135		2.2	19.1
785	780	Amber Ind	783		3.4	15.5
£143½	£120½	BASF DM	£137½	+ 100	3.2	
773	689	BOC	773	+ 8	4.0	19.5
303	236	BTP	281	- 3	4.8	15.9
£160½	£141½	Bayer DM50	£155½	+ 309½	3.7	
125	103	Blagden	125	+ 2	1.5	58.5
118	101	Brent Chems	116½		4.5	16.1
258	210	Br Vita	255	+ 1	3.8	17.0
53	30	Cambridge Iso	43	- 1		
214	164	Canning (W)	213	+ 2	4.4	
472	401	Courtaulds	447	+ 2	4.2	30.5
397½	330	Croda	351	+ 2	3.2	17.0
198	125	Dowbert	188	+ 7	3.5	16.0
90	58	Euro Colour	89		2.4	25.8
122	114	Gibbons	114		6.0	10.5
145	120	Hickson	137		4.6	13.1
£143½	£123½	Hoechst	£134½	- 121½	3.8	
220	190	Halliday Chem	219		2.9	15.6
789	660	ICI	786	+ 3	4.5	34.2
139	97½	Kalon	#139		4.1	13.5
729	620	Laporte	726	+ 2	3.9	15.7
85	76	MTM	77		2.4	13.6
359	293	Manders	359		3.8	16.9
66	30	Mercatel	47		9.2	6.4
485	382½	Montedison	485	+ 9½	4.0	22.6
363	230	Porvair	345		1.7	23.8
227	188	Scapa	227		3.3	18.4
33	16	Sutcliffe Speak	18		3.2	10.7
855½	695½	Takeda Chem	842	+ 51½	1.2	9.7
350	315	Wardle Storeys	319	- 1	6.8	15.9
193	186	Wellington Hldg	189	+ 2	3.6	
789	728	Wolstenholme Rk	770	+ 3	3.4	14.7
366	326	Yorks Chem	361	+ 3	3.0	16.2
299	236	Zeneca	288		3.0	

DISTRIBUTORS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
110	91	ABI Leis	110		4.6	12.6
595	505	Adams & Harvey	543	...	3.8	6.8
21	16	Alexanders	20		6.2	9.5
113	80	Applegard	180		8.7	
4½	3½	Arr & Lap	3½			
578	518	BSS Group	576		1.7	26.8
24½	19	Boosey Power	19		3.9	20.4
28	23	Bogod 'A'	25		6.8	0.7
400	345	Bramall	400	+ 5	3.5	10.5
21	10½	Bridgend Gp	21		4.1	
96	85	Brit Fittings	85		1.2	
49	39	Brown & Tawse	42		4.4	
39	33	Bunzlcare	38			
270	215	Caffyns	245		6.3	
82	65	Central Mtr	75		5.9	40.2
47	35	Cook (DC)	44		4.6	49.8
360	220	Cowie	265	+ 2	3.3	13.5
142	125	Dagg Motors	140	+ 1	4.3	11.4
568	553	Desmarais Fr	558		6.2	12.3
479	402	Diploma	471	- 1	1.5	13.8
558	482	Electrocomponents	558	- 1	3.8	18.3
182	153	Electron House	176	- 2	2.3	22.8
282	234	Ellis & Everard	282	+ 2	2.5	14.8
111	87	European Mtr	104	+ 4	3.5	18.7
401	374	Evans Halshaw	388		5.4	11.3
599	512	Farnell Elect	599	+ 1	4.6	11.5
60	48	Fife Indmar	48		1.9	
24½	15	Gardiner	21		7.8	
29½	16	Glencheston	22½		4.4	18.4
73	61	Gowing Bros	29½	+ 3½		32.5
73	62	Hallam Hldgs	66			
172	148	Harris (Phillip)	68		4.3	
49	258	Heywood	165		1.8	13.9
99	81	Holders Tech	407	+ 3	5.2	14.5
110	88	ISA Intl	98		2.6	18.9
473	274	Inchcape	82		7.7	29.4
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	324	+ 7	2.8	11.2
167	147	Kwik-Fit	62		5.8	12.3
333	277	Lex Service	158½			15.1
198	164	Lookers	331	+ 2	3.5	15.7
16	14	Motor Grp	172		5.3	17.6
8½	5	Middlesex C	15		5.5	9.5
435	330	Norton	6½	- ½	3.3	26.7
133	75	Normanber	339	+ 1	1.1	
155	147	PCT	129		0.8	15.1
259	225	Pendragon	147		1.3	54.8
161	123	Perry Grp	259	+ 4½	6.5	
135	136	Quadri Group	147	+ 1	3.9	15.0
171	160	REAT	135		6.4	
3½	2½	Reace	165		5.1	
6	2½	Ross Gp	3		3.8	19.6
51½	37½	SEP Ind	6			
54	39	TLS Range	47½	- ½	4.2	
250	226	Time Products	52	- 2	2.8	15.8
276	151	Varity (Reg)	250	+ 3	3.6	14.5
266	240	Wholesale Ftgs	226	+ 1	4.6	
18½	12½	Wilts Gp	268	+ 3	5.5	16.9
74½	62½	Wescor	13		4.9	23.7
71	56½	Wynco	69½	- ½	1.2	7.3
83	68	Young (H)	70		1.8	23.4
			82	+ 4	5.5	25.3
						15.3

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
166	149	Adwest	168		5.7	14.5
333	235	Antofagasta	295		1.7	25.4
906½	728½	Broken Hill	839	+ 32	2.5	
343	291	BTR	336½	- 1	4.9	15.5
498	405	BAT	494		5.5	12.5
270½	216	Berisford Intl	248	+ 1	0.3	65.6
91	71	Bibby (J)	87		4.3	16.1
48	40½	Boxley Inv	47		9.0	2.6
841	743	Charter	841	+ 2	3.8	13.6
242	155	Cookson	239	+ 1	3.7	15.1
252½	228	Hanson	251½	+ 1½	6.0	15.7
162½	136	Hanson Crdt	159	+ 1	7.1	19.1
319½	200½	Hutch Whamp	319½	+ 4½	2.4	
584½	415½	Jardine Math	540	+ 9	3.0	
33	27	Jourdan (T)	33		4.8	
170	134	Lonrho	167½	- ½	3.4	30.7
138	113	McLeod Russel	138		5.6	15.1
44	39	Porter Chadburn	40			
530	447	Powell Duffryn	530	+ 7	5.9	14.9
142	123	Ropner	142		7.3	12.3
812	438	Rothmans	810	+ 1	3.9	28.6
15½	10	Saltire	12½	+ ½		4.0
169	120	Sime Darby	168	+ 2	2.7	20.7
191	164	Staveley	191	+ 2	5.6	58.8
185	148	Suter	184	- 1	6.5	14.5
253	227	TT Group	248		2.7	15.3
269½	214	Tomkins	246½	- 1½	3.9	15.8
76	50½	Trafalgar H	54½	- 2½	2.3	
300	255	Unitrin	295		8.0	
266	241	Wassall	273		1.9	
180	162	Whitecroft	167		2.6	18.3
11½	9	Widney	9½		2.6	15.1
350	312	Williams Hldgs	344		4.9	18.4

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
850	554	East Midlands	667	- 2	5.3	27.6
800	535	Eastern Grp	649	+ 1	4.2	14.2
785	528	London Elect	641		4.8	9.8
886	621	Manweb	679	- 1	5.0	8.1
827	563	Midlands Elec	658		4.2	10.1
496	421½	National Power	485	+ 4	4.2	12.7
193	158½	Natl Power P/P	192	+ 5	4.3	13.7
1138	715	Northern Elec	805	- 16	5.1	8.3
371	313	Nthn Ireland	349		4.5	8.5
867	611	Norweb	677	- 2	4.5	8.2
542	457½	PowerGen	481	+ 2	3.8	10.6
206	176½	PowerGen (P/P)	201	+ 2	3.8	11.4
335	303	Hydro-Elect	333	+ ½	4.9	10.5
350	309½	Scottish Power	341		5.1	9.9
484	304	Seaboard	375	+ 1	4.2	10.2
912	630	Sth Wales	699	- 1	5.2	9.5
889	603	Sth Western	674	- 1	4.7	8.9
826	548	Southern Elec	663	...	4.6	9.6
909	598	Yorkshire Elec	669	- 1	5.2	11.5

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
319	292	Acal	319		2.7	17.3
87½	77½	Acorn Comp	83			
640	625	Admiral	640	+ 3	1.8	19.5
220	195	Alba	220		2.9	17.1
209	127½	Amstrad	204½	+ 1	1.5	
39	30	Arlen	39	+ 1	1.3	
92½	77	Astec	92½	+ ½	3.6	
181	116	Aztec	179		2.1	14.5
364	287	BICC	329	- 4	4.8	16.8
250	225	Bayles Hunter	229		5.4	12.3
485	430	Blick	485		3.0	16.3
385½	284	Bowthorpe	364	- 1	2.8	18.3
20	17½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	+ ½	1.6	11.5
201	148	CML Micro	153		4.5	9.8
39	28	Channel Hldgs	34	+ 1	4.6	9.7
23	19	Chloride	19½		1.8	54.6
75	61	Clayhithe	66		5.1	
190	105	Copymoor	165		3.1	
170	66½	Cray Elect	69		4.5	8.0
497	461	Critchley	497	+ 10	2.1	20.9
440	330	Dantia Bs Sys	372	- 1	0.6	
560	421	Delta	459	+ 3	3.9	18.0
565	505	Domino	547	+ 2	2.2	16.6
71	65	Dowding Mills	69		4.7	22.3
1503	1465	Druck	1475		0.9	25.1
3303½	2750	Electrolux 'B'	2980½		3.6	5.2
34½	26	Emess	34		0.4	
4425	3393½	Ericsson 'B'	4403½	+ 56½	1.1	27.8
79	64	Eurocopy	75		3.3	15.0
457	370	Eurotherm	449		1.5	23.2
444	375	Fairey Group	444	+ 1	2.0	19.5
275	165	Filtronic Com	374		0.3	58.7
273	195	Forward Gp	#268		2.6	16.5
86	40	Forward Tech	81	- 1	4.1	9.9
322½	268	GEC	316	- 4	4.5	13.5
123	103	Gestetner	103½		3.1	15.6
147	122	Grasby	143		5.8	
141	110	Ind Control	120		5.2	10.7
17	14	Intelek	14½	+ ½	6.5	
320	254	Kenwood App	294	+ 6½	3.9	14.5
69	50	Kode	61			
45	28	LPA Ind	28½		7.0	20.3
323	295	MTL Inst	323		1.8	18.3
285	254	Memec-Sy	284		2.0	19.9
39½	30½	Microvitec	38	+ ½	1.3	12.8
324	224	Mitel	294	- 2		
69	60	Pacer Systems	67		8.2	
85	73	Peak	85	+ ½	6.5	
2525	1893½	Philips Lmp	2421½		5.0	15.8
349	290	Plico	291		2.0	9.8
327	270	Plico 'A' Vtg	273		2.0	18.6
141	116	Plessey	138	- ½	2.1	17.4
130	96	Pressac	130		3.6	14.3
28	23	Prestwick	27		2.7	20.4
338	243	Psion	332	+ 8	1.3	20.6
360	217	Racal Elect	280		2.2	21.4
68	44	Radamec	86	+ ½	4.6	14.6
335	301	Rainbow	335		1.9	19.7
238	202½	Roxboro	237		2.5	
20½	8½	Seamtronic	9½	- ½		
45	35	Silvermines	41	+ 1	3.1	10.9
65	53	Soundtracks	65		4.8	14.8
87	46	Sthn Bus	83		5.6	5.5
9½	7½	TDS Circuits	8			
3100	2468½	TDK	2806½	+ 84½	1.3	
376	82	Tadpole Tech	89	- 51		
85	57	Telemetrix	86	+ 4	1.7	12.0
94	83	TGI	92		3.1	17.1
510	342	Telspec	457	- 11	1.0	31.7
251	226	Thorpe FW	248	- 1	1.8	16.6
163	130	TLG	159	+ 1	2.8	22.8
38	25	Total Systems	25			26.0
252	227	Tunstall	245	+ 2	2.0	16.4
391	350	Unitech	378		2.3	19.0
9½	8	Verity	8			21.5
385	368	Volex	380		6.0	15.9
79	38	Wakebourne	47			
127	122	Whessoe	123		2.3	

ENGINEERING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
200	167	ADM	200		2.8	
80	47½	APV	76		5.1	
223	178	ASW	223	+ 5	3.4	38.4
35	27	Aero Hamble	28		16.7	2.8
100	42	Alvis	97	- 2	1.3	
151	133	Ash & Lacy	145	- 4	5.5	12.2
553	538	Astec Equip	540		5.1	22.9
138	118	Ayrshire Metal	133		4.5	
30½	22½	Babcock	26½			
138	122	BWI	134		8.2	17.2
92	77	Baynes (Charles)	81½		2.7	19.8
39½	27½	Beauford	32		1.0	7.5
130	108	Billam (J)	113		5.9	
339	308	Bodycote	338	+ 2½	2.1	
81	73	Boon Inds	74			
15½	13½	Brasway	15½		4.3	14.6
160	137	Bridon	138		3.7	13.5
554	418½	Br Aerospace	540		2.3	20.2
174	144	Br Steel	173½	- ½	2.5	20.9
83	79	Bromsgrove Ind	79		7.2	13.3
13½	11½	Brooke Tool	12		1.0	27.8
48	39½	Brunel	44	+ ½		
187	148	Bullough	186	+ ½	4.1	19.2
103	71	Burnfield	102		3.4	18.5
22	14	CI Group	22	+ 4½	2.8	
277	236	Carclo Eng	274	+ 3	4.7	16.8
173	150	Castings	173	+ 7	2.0	21.3
150	150	Chamberlin HR	150		5.8	9.5
335	294	Chemring	334	+ 4	3.7	15.7
182	143	Clyde Blowers	149		4.3	
345	302	Cobham	344		3.0	
533	505	Cohen (A)	508		0.8	
205	166	Concentric	191	+ 1	4.0	15.0
241	210	Cook (Wm)	214		4.4	10.1
236	193	David Brown	246	+ 2	3.6	
81	68	Dawson Park	80½	+ 4	5.8	14.9
390	330	ES	390	+ 4	4.2	
98	91	Elliott (B)	95	+ 1	2.6	14.2
92	76	Expamet	76	- 2	4.9	12.4
165½	135	FKI	161		3.3	18.6
160	126	Fenner	151	- 1	1.7	69.7
16	12	Ferrum	12	- 2		
95	77	GEI Intl	95		3.3	17.4
134	117	Garton Engl	131	+ 1½	5.2	
344	292	Glynwed	334		4.8	16.7
13½	12	Graystone	12½	- ½	3.2	9.9
76	59	Haden MacLell	61	+ ½	4.3	17.8
174	133	Hadleigh	173	+ 4	1.8	19.8
177	135	Hall Eng	169		5.9	
218	178	Halma	202		1.8	21.8
57	41	Hampson Ind	42		6.1	7.8
36	19	Hay (Norman)	31	- 2		
125	110	Hill & Smith	124		6.0	16.1
59	49	Hopkinsons	49½		3.3	
37	28	Howden Grp	29	- 2	3.2	
94	74	Howden	84	+ 1	3.7	13.8
183	162	Hunting	181		6.9	20.0
323	266	IMI	304	- 6	4.3	18.2
46½	40½	Johnson & FB	46½	+ ½		
559	506	Johnson Matth	549		2.8	20.5
31	28	Jones Stroud	28			
335	310	Kelsey Ind	335	+ 5	4.9	15.6
288	265	Lincat	286		3.2	16.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
38	33	AAF Inds	33			
224	153	Airflow Stream	221		2.3	21.7
48½	41	Armour	42½		5.4	8.9
510	440	Avon Rubber	510		4.2	18.2
221	181	BBA	218	+ 2	2.7	
71	49½	BSG	69½	- 1½	5.8	
13	8½	Benson Group	8½			
320	285	Bostrum	320		5.1	11.7
24	17	Boustead	17		2.3	
13½	10	Cavendish	12½		7.4	
357	323	ERF	345		2.6	
435	370	First Tech	434		1.4	
651	543	GKN	640	+ 2	1.5	25.0
2962½	2343½	General Mtrs	2962½	+ 50	4.2	19.5
1152	938½	Honda Motor	974½	+ 19½	2.6	
375	304	Laird	374	+ 8	0.5	
375	345	Lookers	375		3.8	14.2
204	163	Lucas	198	+ 2		
66	53	Mayflower	65½		4.4	
71	59	Midstates	65		2.9	17.0
168	158	Sylvinia	163			
169	140	T & N	164	+ 1	3.8	18.1
348	324	Trinity Hldgs	348	+ 3	4.6	
					2.6	14.3

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
665	558	AB Food	640		3.2	13.1
267	223	Acatos & Hutch	244		4.6	8.3
49	38	Albert Fisher	45	- 1	10.4	13.5
220	198	Banks (S C)	200		6.1	8.3
387	333	Barr (AG)	375	+ 3	2.6	15.5
40	15	Bensons Csp	20	+ 1½		
423	374	Booker	418	+ 1	6.7	19.9
47½	31	Borthwicks	41½	+ ½	3.9	18.7
202	191	CPL Aromas	198		1.9	18.9
488	370	Cadbury Schw	459	- 3	4.4	14.2
287	239	Carrs Milling	254	- 1	3.4	11.5
176	145	Clearwell	176		5.9	12.8
136	99	Dalepak	107	+ 3	2.3	
445	379½	Dalgety	432		6.3	12.0
54	34	Daniels S	39		3.2	
251	208	Devro	245	- 5	0.3	
96	62	Everest	78		3.6	
8	3½	Farringford	8	+ ½	4.3	19.3
78	60	Finlay (James)	64			
15	10	Global	14	+ 1	8.4	
57	44	Grand Central	44	- 1	4.7	
450	400	Greencore	450			
116	91	Hazlewood Fds	99		2.9	11.8
194	178	Hillsdown	183	+ 1	8.5	6.2
28½	22½	Hobson	27½		6.3	12.3
85	63	JLI Group	71	+ 1	1.8	
353	330	Linton Park	353		8.5	10.0
114	96	Matthews (B)	113		5.6	
233	211	Nichols (JN)	225	+ 2½	3.5	11.8
221	181	New Foods	196	+ 1	3.4	14.9
11	8½	Nobleman Fo	10½		5.6	10.1
230	80	Pascoe's	90			30.3
70	60	Pettitts Food	70		7.9	8.9
133	111	SeaPerfect	130	- 1		
114	84	Sentry Farm	102		4.2	7.3
78	62	Sims Food	70		13.4	
451	412	Tate & Lyle	439	+ 7	4.2	9.1
281	204	Tesco	274		2.1	19.3
386	333	Unigate	381	- 2	5.8	10.4
1281	1124	Unilever	1187	+ 4	2.8	14.3
8437½	7200	Unilever (NV)	7837½	+ 87½	3.1	11.8
368	303	Utd Biscuits	339		3.8	14.6
36	33	West Trust	37		8.4	25.9
110	89	Yorkshire Food	97	- 1	4.5	14.3

HEALTHCARE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
449	280	AAH	442		5.1	15.5
938	770	Amersham	929	- 4	2.2	18.5
57	44	Amgen	48			
207	175	Assoc Nursg	178		1.6	10.4
333	238	Baxter	273	+ 3	4.7	14.0
91	60	Care UK	61	+ 1		
99	71	Claims	87	+ 1		
44	31	Cortecs	44	+ 1		
240	198	Community H	239	+ 1	4.2	13.7
34	29	CrossCare	34		2.9	13.2
113	79	Enviromed	85		2.4	10.8
88	60	Ferranis Group	77		3.7	10.5
164	137	Goldsborough	164	+ 4	2.5	14.7
10	9½	Greenacre	9½		4.6	
618	428	Hosligh Tec	608	+ 3	1.2	
77	45	Inveresk Gp	65		6.7	11.7
282	235	Isoton	256		2.4	15.9
142	129	Life Sciences	141½	+ ½	3.8	13.1
111	95	Lon Intl	110			
85	41	Nestor-BNA	56	+ 1	7.0	
1½	½	Premier Health	½			
278	230	Quality Care	275	+ 45	2.0	13.6
168	118	Scholl	165		4.8	
376	320	Salon Health	375	- 1	2.3	19.1
56	32	Shield Diag	45	- 6		
175½	152	Smith & Nephew	175	+ ½	3.8	20.0
12	7	Spectalyes	12			
228	185	Takare	215	+ 2	1.3	
280	234	UniChem	277	+ 2	3.2	14.4
351	293	West Hlthcare	312	+ 3	1.9	16.3

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
203	189	Airsprung	190	...	3.2	12.3
152	125	BLP Group	150		2.5	
36	29	Bilston Batsn	32½	+ 1½		
108	58	Cowell Pk 'A'	60		9.0	
170	130	Creighton N	130		7.4	9.2
166	141	Denby Group	165		2.3	18.0
135	130	Gaskell	132	+ 2½	4.0	
5	2	Lionheart	3			
206	160	Maybam	200		4.0	12.2
282	243	Ordiena Intl	282		4.7	12.8
440	383	Osborne & Little	438	- 2	2.1	13.3
450	403	Paterson Zch	418		4.2	12.8
420	365	Paterson Zch 'A'	379		4.6	11.8
664	584	Reckitt Colmn	648	+ 5	3.6	57.2
291	259	Relyon	279		3.1	
285	244	Royal Doulton	270		3.5	14.7
284	148	Silentnight	204	+ 5½	4.9	
32½	28	Stoddard	31	+ ½	6.5	11.7
210	165	Tomkinsons	185		8.7	24.9
130	104	Victoria Carpet	104		5.4	5.9
110	94½	Walker Greenbk	101		4.6	16.3
60	51	Winford Widgett	57		2.3	
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	3.4	15.1

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1637½	1187½	Alex & Alex	1612½	- 25	4.1	
2112½	1787½	Am Genl	2112½	+ 25	3.8	
91	76	Angerstein	89	+ 1	2.8	73.4
63	54	Archer	59		2.1	
98	81	Bradstock	82		8.7	9.3
538	385	Britannic	537	+ 1	3.3	
98	84	CLM Insce	87	+ 1	3.0	
595	473	Com Union	589	+ 1	5.6	11.3
98	78	Delian	84	+ 2	2.1	
1560	1325	Dom & Gen	1420		2.5	15.2
180	158½	FBD IE	179½	+ ½	4.2	
164	139	Fenchurch Grp	158	+ ½	6.3	10.5
98	82	Financy Under	93	+ 2	2.6	60.0
598	498	Gen Accident	589	- 3	6.2	8.7
199	169½	GRE	197	+ 1½	5.8	
92	79	HCG Lloyds	92	+ 2	3.9	
249	227	Heath C E	248		8.1	
219½	203½	Hibernian IE	215	+ ½	4.7	
111	88	Hiscox Select	94		3.3	37.0
285	256	Independent	285	+ 1	4.2	7.9
288	178	Irish Life	208	+ 3	6.4	18.3
135	118	JIB Group	129		7.3	
102	99	Kiln Capital	100½		3.0	
499	414	Legal & Genl	486		5.5	21.9
1856½	1296½	Liberty Life	1826½	- 18½	7.2	
103	92	London Ins Mkt	98	+ 2	2.6	34.2
162	142	Lloyd Thompson	148	+ 4	6.8	10.5
386	317	Lloyds Abbey	382	- 3	6.4	12.8
352	303	London & Manch	340	- 2½	6.3	13.9
103	92	London Ins Mkt	98	+ 2	2.6	34.2
169	144	Lowndes Lmb	167		5.8	10.3
5300	4787½	Marsh McLn	4881½	+ 18½	3.7	
85	79	Mashland	84	+ 3		
181	143	Nelson Hurst	145	+ 1	5.7	11.4
86	65	New London Cap	79	+ 2	1.6	
51	34	Doldern	40		9.4	
110	80	Onel	99	- 1	6.9	
76	66	Premium Trust	76	+ 1	5.1	29.3
111	85	Prentam Under	101	+ 1		
337½	290	Prudential	334		5.4	15.8
36	13	PWS	18			
340	241	Refuge	335		4.6	23.2
331	251	Royal	330	- 7	4.7	5.5
169	148	Sedgwick	167	- 2	4.9	17.8
122	98	Steel Burrill	104		10.8	9.2
356	281	Sun Alliance	349	- 2	5.6	10.5
90	66	Syndicate Cap	84	+ 3	1.9	67.0
75	61	Trade Indemnity	71		1.8	31.6
344	302	Transatlantic	333		5.0	22.8
610	458	Utd Friendly	580		4.3	14.7
170	135	Wills Corroon	167	- 1	5.0	
24	18	Windsor	21		3.0	7.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	333	3i	343	- 3	2.7	...
81	62	Abtrust Emerg	75	+ 1	0.3	
80	73	Abtrust High Inct	76½		9.8	
218	182	Abtrust N Dawn	215	+ 1	0.5	...
1899	1582	Alliance	1899	- 9	3.3	...
269½	229	American Trust	269½		2.6	
436	391	Anglo & O'seas	435	+ 1	2.1	
151	115	Baillie Gifford SN	123			
16	11½	Locker (T) A	15½		3.2	
35	29	ML Hdgs	34		3.1	11.8
26	18	ML Inv	21		8.9	12.7
151	137	Mang Bronze	140		4.0	11.9
443	378	McKechnie	417	- 1½	4.6	21.0
84	61	Meggitt	84	+ 1½	5.8	20.2
118	101	Mettoy	116		4.3	17.3
131	130	Metsec	130	+ 1	2.9	27.5
633	487	Molins	633		3.4	11.2
346	293	Morgan Cruc	341		4.8	16.8
233	176	Mossman Autby	233		3.3	16.8
36	32	Neepsend	33		4.7	16.6
70	46	Neotronics	62		3.4	17.1
45	31	Newmark (L)	#31			
41½	13	OMI Intl	28½	+ ½	10.7	
365	315	Oxford Inst	365	+ 7	1.7	21.9
280	233	Powerscreen	289	+ 1	3.2	12.2
15½	10½	Prospect Inds	12½	+ ½	8.7	8.3
73	67	Radford Metal	67			
64	41	Ransomes	48	- 1		
86	76	Record	77			
344	265	Renishaw	335	+ 1	6.9	15.1
212	180	Renold	211		2.4	26.6
58	46	Richard (Leics)	47		1.8	29.2
78	66	Richardson Westg	73		6.0	
186	148	Rolls-Royce	185½	+ 1½	5.8	
173	158½	Rotork	170		3.4	20.0
160	143	Robson	156	+ 1	3.5	17.0
86	67	Senior Engt	85	+ ½	2.9	25.3
270	264	Servomex	265		5.0	19.0
585	488	Siebe	587		3.4	17.5
86	67	Simon Eng	82	+ 8	3.3	18.9
82	79	Sir Howden	81		2.4	
1300	1034½	SKF 'B'	1265½	+ 20½	2.3	20.0
499	423	Smiths Ind	489	+ 1	2.9	
511	401	Spirax Sarco	511	+ 9	3.4	17.1
279	237	Sterling Ind	278		2.8	18.3
380	328	TI	373	+ 1	3.1	18.0
100	97	Tinsley (E)	97		4.0	17.3
80	51	Tomlin Tech	80	+ 2	7.2	13.2
140	127	Triplex Lloyd	140	+ 1	3.1	
17	14	Utd Inds	17	+ 1½	6.2	
1713	1358	VSEL	1678		2.4	16.1
15½	11½	Vetson	14		3.1	
202	162	Vickers	202	+ 2	2.9	19.2
260	240	Victaulic	269	+ 2	4.0	13.7
10½	8½	Villiers Grp	10			
584	506	Vinteert	581	+ 3½	1.9	14.8
830	722	Vosper Thorny	830	+ 2	2.8	18.0
489	444	Wagon Ind	486		4.7	24.7
293	222	Weir	245	+ 5	3.6	18.9
46½	36	Wellman	46½	+ ½	2.7	75.9
455	390	Whessoe	451		3.1	15.8
197½	172	Bankers	197	+ 1	2.5	
44½	32	Baring Em Eu	44½	+ ½	0.3	
328	309	Baring Tribune	328	+ 1	2.6	
91	84½	Br Assets	89½		6.2	
90½	83	Br Empire Sect	90½		1.3	
32	25	Br Empire Wts	32	+ 1		
220	194	Br Inv	220	+ 1	3.8	
101	74½	Brunner	87½	+ 2	0.4	
239	211	Brunner	239	+ 1	2.9	
132½	120½	BZW Conv	130½	+ ½	7.5	
413	318	Candover	411		3.7	
53	34½	Central Euro Gwth	43		1.3	
174	144	Close & Eastern	174	+ 1	2.6	
186	164	Contl Assets	184	+ 1	2.0	
80	76	Dartas Inv Inc	78	+ 1	12.7	
310	278	Derby Cap	310			
166	155	Derby Inc	157		13.4	
65	51	Drayton Blue	65		17.6	
108	88	Drayton Eng Intl	107		0.9	
150	132	Drayton Far East	150	+ 1	0.6	
694	617	Dunedin Inc G	693	+ 4	4.8	
91	80	Dunedin Japan	84½	- ½		
305	296	Dunedin Smlr	304		3.7	
42	22	Dunedin Wts	41			
750	678	Dunedin Wrde	749	+ 1	1.6	
104½	82½	Edin Dragon	104½	+ ½		
43½	23½	Edinburgh Inca	37½	+ 1½	0.2	
341	281	Edinburgh	314½	+ 1½	3.5	
162	137	EFM Japan	140	+ 1		
333	307	Electra Inv	329	+ 1	2.9	
203	160	Electric Gen	203	+ 1½	2.0	
184	174	Eng & Caledon	183	+ 4	2.7	
124	108	English Scot	124	+ 2		
307	273	European Asset	307		2.1	
157	147½	Fidelity Euro Val	157		0.2	
84	65	Fidelity Jap Val	73½		0.2	
93	81	Fidelity Spec Val	93			
157	149	Finsbury 'A'	155½	+ ½	2.6	
78	62	First Spanish	77	+ 1½	0.4	
295	267	Fleming Amer	295	+ 2½	0.7	
74½	51½	Fleming Chinese	64½	+ ½	1.0	
35	32	Fleming Ch Wts	34	+ 1		
232	198	Fleming Claverl	232	+ 1	3.1	
319	298½	Fleming Contl	317	+ 1½	1.3	
158½	125	Fleming Em Mkts	147	+ 1		
221	199	Fleming Entp	221	+ 1	2.7	
334	278½	Fleming F East	334	+ 6½	0.6	
360	327	Fleming Fledg	359		1.0	
105	90	Fleming Hi Inc	105	+ 1	5.4	
87	67	Fleming Indian	70		1.6	
45	33	Fleming Ind Wts	42½	+ ½		
36	29	Fleming Intl	38½		11.6	
258	208	Fleming Japan	231	+ 1		
276	252½	Fleming Merc	274	+ 1½	3.1	
82	72½	Fleming Ntl Res	80	+ 2		
307	329	Fleming Overs	307	+ 1	1.7	
141½	124	Foreign & Col	141½	+ 1	1.6	
107	97	For & Col Inc Gwth	107	+ 1	2.5	
120½	93	Fgn Emg Mkts	117	+ 2½		
73	67½	Fgn Enterprise	73		1.4	
232	204½	Fgn Eurotst	231		0.2	
130	115	Fgn German	128		0.5	
318	277	Fgn Pacific	318	+ 4	1.1	
130	129	Fgn PEP	129½		3.4	
171	153	Fgn Smaller	171	+ ½	1.5	
107	90	Fgn US Smlr	107			
24	17½	Falcon Cap	19			
46	39	Falcon Inc	41		26.4	
150½	141	Fulcrum Zero	150½			
204	188	Gartmore Brit	203		4.5	
155	127	Gartmore Euro	155	+ 1	0.7	
94	84	Gartmore Shrd	82	+ 1	13.0	
223	207	Emoor Smlr Cost	223	+ 1	3.2	
100	84	Geared Inc Inv	84		12.3	
158	138	Genl Cons Cap	158	+ 3		
111	104	Genl Inc	110		10.8	
101	86	German Inv	99½		0.3	
232	192	Gov Asn Sm Cos	219	+ 1	0.1	
119½	99	Govt Emerg Mkts	106	+ 2½	0.3	
152	135	Govett Am Smlr	146			
85	71	Govt Glob Smls	81			
85	70	Govett High Inc	82	+ 1	8.5	
381	322	Govett Oriental	358	+ 3½	0.4	
251	223	Govett Strategic	251	+ 2	3.4	
403	361	Greenfriar	398	+ 2	2.2	
19	19	Gresham House	19			
244	191	GT Japan	221	+ 1	0.7	
121	113	H Govett Smlr Co	120		1.1	
124	113	Hend Highl	119		6.0	
290	258	Hend Strata	290	+ 2	0.2	
93	80	Herald	93	+ 1	0.7	
107	77	HTR Jap Smaller	83		0.7	
18	12	HTS Eur	15	+ 1		
113	93	HTS UK Smlr	112		3.2	
128	118	Inv Capt	129	+ 1	5.0	
78	78	Inv Biotech	78			
32	20	Inv Wts	20			
149	122	INVESCO Korea	128	+ 1		
96	82	J Fry 2nd U	91	+ 1	8.3	
86	83	J Fry Euro U	86		7.0	
224	177	JF Fledg Jap	201			
113	99	Jupiter Intl Gth	113		3.8	
221	184	Kiewt Ctrl	221		2.9	
121	96½	Kiewt E Mkt	114	+ 2½		
118	110	Kiewt End	112			
81½	73	Kiewt Euro Pnd	81½	+ ½	0.3	
27	21½	Kiewt Euro Wts	26½			
87	74	Kiewt H Inc	87		11.8	
245	213	Kiewt O'seas	245	+ 2	1.7	
127	111	Kiewt Smlr	127	+ 2	2.2	
125½	71	Latin American	107	+ 3½		
810	718	Law Debenture	794		3.2	
106	94	Lazard H Inc	96½		8.3	
90	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	90	+ 1		
28½	23	Lloyds Sm Div	26		17.5	
116	102	Lloyds Sm Pkg	116		3.9	
175	160	Lon & St Lawrence	174		4.5	
89	78½	Lon Smaller Co's	89	+ 2	4.5	
320	283	Lowland	315		3.8	
1387½	1125	Lydenburg	1125		2.0	
615	503	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	615	+ 7		
135	115	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	120		25.0	
2790	2533	M&G Dual Cap	2790	+ 15		
313	243	M&G Dual Inc	253			
66½	60	M&G Inc Geared	62½		10.0	
30½	26½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	29			
37½	34	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	34		18.4	
125	118	M&G Inc Package	123	+ ½	5.1	
61½	54½	M&G Inc Zero Div	61½	+ ½		
30½	27	M&G Rec Cap	28½			
61½	55½	M&G Rec Geared	57			
30	28	M&G Rec Inc	29		8.5	
136	127	M&G Rec Pkge	136	+ 1	16.7	
84½	73	M&G Rec Zero Div	84		3.6	
116	100	M Currie Euro	115			
138	119	M Currie Pact	138	+ 2½	0.3	
200	182	Majedie	200		0.1	
57	44	Manake	44		3.3	
273	241	Merchants	273			
89½	78½	Mercury Euro Pv	89½	+ ½	5.3	
32	23½	Mercury Eur Wt	32	+ ½	0.8	
95	78	Mercury World	95½	+ ½		
31	14½	Mercury Wld Wts	20	+ ½	1.0	
539	482	Monks Inv Tst	539	+ 2		
145	125	Morg Gren Inc	145	+ 1	1.5	
53	40½	Morg Wts	53	+ 2	4.1	
86	48	Morg Latin Amer	86½	+ 1½		
31	20	Morg Wts	35½	+ 1½		
120	104	Murray Em	119		2.3	
34	23	Murray Ent Wts	28			
92	73	Murray Eng Eco	85			
40	25	Murray Eur Ec Wt	29½			
61	54	Murray Euro	60		0.7	
17½	10	Murray Eu Wts	12½			
342	302	Murray Income	341		4.5	
341	296	Murray Inv	340		4.6	
169	162½	Murray S/C DP	162½			
150	136	Murray S/C Cap	150	+ 2		
81	73½	Murray S/C Inc	75		17.0	
3150	2900	Murray S/C Unit	3025		4.4	
460	376	Murray Small	456	+ 1	1.3	
360	308	Murray Vent	360	- 1	4.6	
19	16	Newmarket	18			
59	53	Nolthrop Inc	57		9.3	
79	61	Nolthrop Cap	76			
354	316	O'seas Inv Tst	354	+ 2	1.2	
199	156	O'seas Wts	174	+ 3		
570	362	Pacific Assets	532	+ 14	0.3	
438	368	Pacific Wts	458	+ 15		
95	75	Perpetual Jap	87½			
235	216	Perp Uk Sm Co	235	- 1	1.2	
8900	8425	Personal Assets	8850		2.8	
125	107	Pilot Inv	111		1.7	
88	78	Piper Euro Sm	82			
107	87½	Prolific Inc	100½		0.9	
180	164	RIT Cap Ptr	179		1.1	
29½	26½	River Merc Am Cap	29½			
101	97	River Merc Am Inc	100		9.8	
11	6½	River Merc Am Wts	8			
125	114	River Merc Cap	124			
98	77½	River Merc Ex Inc	94	+ 1	10.4	
16	9	River Merc Ex Incwt	12			
83	76	River Merc Grd Inc	82		11.5	
28	25½	River Merc Grd Ptr	26½			
111	106	River Merc Tst Inc	110		10.5	
128	112	River Merc Sm Co	126½	- 2½	4.1	
34	20	River Merc Sm Wt	23	+ 1		
417	394	Rolinco	417		3.3	
435	398	Rolinco	435		1.7	
89	67	Schrod Jap Gen	83	+ ½		
44	25	Schrod Jap Gen Wt	41			
679	635½	Schrod Korea Fd	657	+ 5½	0.2	
463½	395½	Sch Korea Fc Wt	354½	+ 2½		
118	109½	Sch Spl Jero Div	118			
30	24½	Sch Spl Fc Cap	25			
113	101	Sch Splt Fc Inc	103		3.3	
103	88	Schrod UK Gwth	102	+ 1	1.6	
36	28	Schrod Uk Gwth Wt	35			
232	202	Scot	231½	+ 1	2.6	
163½	147½	Scot American	163½	+ ½	3.6	
281	216	Scot Asian	281	+ 2½		
695	565	Scot Inv	695	+ 60		
86½	74½	Scot Eastern	85½	+ ½	3.3	
236	206	Scot Mtge	234½		2.4	
92	79½	Scot Natl Tst	85½		1.1	
111	100	Scot Value	111		3.3	
1691	1483	Second Alliance	1691	+ 16	3.2	
88½	78	Secs Tst of Scot	87½	+ 1½	4.8	
143	124	Selective Asset	128½	+ ½	1.6	
132	123	SHIRESCOT	131		5.4	
36	31½	Sphere Invt	36	+ ½	13.4	
336	289	St Andrew Inv	336	+ 2	3.1	
358	318	Temple Bar	357	+ 1	4.9	
106	90	Thmtn Asian E	106	+ 1½	0.6	
47	16½	Thrcg Dual Cp	47	+ 2		
80½	68	Throgmorton	80½		3.6	
123½	98	Tolion Emg Mkt	123½	+ 2½	0.7	
156½	139½	TR Cty Of Lon	156½		4.2	
176	158	TR Euro Growth	176		1.2	
158½	127	TR Far East	158	- 2½	4.7	
114	80	TR Pacific	113½	+ ½	0.2	
31½	27½	TR Property	29½		3.8	
193	171	TR Smlr Cos	193	+ 1	2.5	
118	100	TR Tech Inv	118	+ 1	1.9	
241	177	Turkey Trust	233		1.1	
237	217	USDC Invest	236½	+ 1	2.4	
106	93	Undervalued Asst	105½	+ 1½	2.1	
119	108	Value Inc Tst	118½	...	4.7	
36	30½	Warrants & Val	32½			
64	56	Wigmore	57		1.6	
239	213½	Witan	238½	+ 1	3.2	
99	86	Yeoman Inc	89		19.2	
150	112	Brown Dobson	148		4.2	11.3
664	625	Caledonia	645		3.2	17.6
2400	2125	Camellia	2300		1.7	6.1
22½	16½	Caledonia	17½		3.6	18.6
175	142	Cattles	175		4.1	15.4
36	23	Clyde	29			50.8
17	12½	EFG	14½		4.3	8.4
29	61	EFT Group	78		2.8	13.4
775	707	EFM	759		4.0	15.5
186	153	Excot	164	+ 3	4.6	
94	57	First Nat Fin	83		2.3	53.0
185	161	Gartmore	179½	+ 1½	3.8	15.1
373	356	Govett	285		6.5	4.6
1148	953	Henderson Ad	1142		4.9	15.8
209	162½	Intercol	209	+ 2	2.4	18.9
49	43	Investment Co	46		4.8	14.7
251	200½	Ivory Sime	215	- ½	4.4	16.7
249½	196½	Jardine Strg	221½	+ 1½	4.2	7.2
144	95	Johnson Fry	104		2.4	5.8
166	131	Lon Fortaing	162		7.2	14.1
125	116	Lon Scot Bk	125		4.1	16.4
175	153	Man ED & F	150	+ 4	6.8	8.7
1143	993	M & G	1120		3.3	19.6
272	234	MAI	270	- 2	3.6	13.6
106	98	MAI 5.5% Cv Pf	101		7.3	
938	680	MAM	924		4.0	
130	90	Natl Home Loan	104½	+ ½		9.6
1500	1153	Perpetual	1435	- 4	3.2	15.4
535	515	Provident	593	+ 9	4.3	14.6
310	245	Rathbone Bros	309		1.6	
28½	24½	Rutland Tst	28		4.8	11.3
324	287	S & U	290	- 4	5.6	
240	135	Sterefin	233		4.8	8.7
131	105	SP Capital	124	+ 4	3.0	8.8
439	410	Smith New Ct	439	+ 5	2.9	4.9
78	63	Town Lap	63		9.1	15.0
26	16	Trio Hldgs	16		0.9	26.3
23	21	Western Selecn	21		1.5	
10	7	ERA Gp	7			10.9
161	98	Essex Furn	119	- 1	4.9	17.2
236	170	Etam	217	+ 3	4.6	13.3
390	330	Fine Art Dev	390	+ 6	4.6	12.1
66	37	Fred Eurm	46			21.3
113	91	Flying Flowers	105	- 3	2.2	13.7
298	255	French Conn	291			12.3
275	207	Frost Group	269	- 3	2.8	22.5
58	46	Gieves	49		4.6	
137	112	Goldsmiths Grp	136	+ 1½	2.8	12.2
609	508	GUS	602	- 2	2.8	17.3
216	179	Hamleys	214		4.1	10.1
56	25	Hampden Grp	53		2.8	14.2
175	142	Hse of Fraser	163	- 1	4.2	21.0
83	80	Hughes (TJ)	81		3.9	13.3
308	229	JJB Sports	299		3.5	
488	373	Kingfisher	494	+ 2	3.9	15.4
150	95	Kleeneze	150		1.2	42.7
315	209	Liberty	243		3.7	29.3
306	184	Lloyds Chemt	214		5.7	6.9
134	109	MFI	131	- 1	4.0	16.4
431½	371	Marks Spencer	431	+ 3	2.8	19.2
536	500	Menzies (John)	536	- 1	2.9	12.7
437	398	Moss Bros	422		3.6	
325	252	Next	319	+ ½	3.5	16.8
46	37	OEM	43	- 1		
96	88	Owen (G)	92		1.4	14.4
93	78	Partridge Fine	78		5.3	8.7
155	107	OS Hldgs	132	+ ½	4.9	15.5
19	7	Remo Grp	16			
131	113	Rosebys	121	+ 1	5.0	13.3
113½	96	Sears	111½	+ 1	4.4	16.2
24	13½	Signet Group	13½			
484	401	Smith WH	410	- 3½	4.8	21.1
880	638	Sothebys	853	+ 23	3.2	39.6
250	209	Storehouse	246	+ 2½	2.9	20.2
206	168	Stylo	189		4.8	10.6
173	143	T & S Stores	165		4.9	
121	98	Tie Rack	120½	+ ½	2.4	12.1
4½	1½	Upton & South	1½			
502	454	Vendome	479		2.4	21.8
35	24	WEW Group	33		2.1	27.6
67	57	Wld of Leather	58		3.2	12.4
181	155	Wyevale	181	+ 1	3.5	

LEISURE & HOTELS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
34	25	Abrdn Str H	25			
449	409	Airtours	415		3.6	9.1
27	17	Ald Lec	26			
149½	133	Alpha Airpts	148	- 1	4.0	
47	38	Arcadian	46		2.2	
160	111	Baldwin	160	+ 4	3.1	11.9
235	219	Barr & Wall	222		6.4	
260	210	Bluebird Toys	212	- 2	4.7	5.9
355	333	Boosey Hwkst	355		2.1	20.4
3½	2	Brent Walker	3½	+ ½		
185	150	Bristol Scots	150		3.8	22.1
26½	12	Castel Plc	16	+ 1½	8.8	8.9
256	251	Chrysalis	253			
86	70½	City Centre Rest	84½	- ½	3.0	16.9
347	305	Compass Gp	331	+ 2	2.5	17.2
285	238	Eurocamp	284		4.6	12.7
247	118	Euro Disney	245	+ 13		
125	93	Euro Leisure	117			
450	363½	Fairline Boats	425	- 2	4.6	19.6
124	105	First Choice	117		4.1	30.6
296	282	First Leisure	296	+ 2	3.0	18.8
251½	224½	Forte	242	+ 5	3.9	24.8
175	143	Friendly Hotels	147		4.8	
584	476	Granada	581	+ 8	2.2	17.3
125	108	Groupe Chez Ge	124		0.8	17.2
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	28	+ 2	7.7	
135	96	Hornby	115		5.4	21.5
187½	158½	Jarvis Hotel	187½	+ 6½	3.7	16.9
20½	14½	Kunick	20½	+ ½	3.0	23.8
306	264	London Clubs	308	+ 1	4.9	15.6
187½	161	Ladbroke	182	- 1	4.1	
64	41	Magnolia	44		0.3	
160	122	Man Utd	148	- 8	3.6	12.4
97½	64½	Mandarin Ornt	80½	- 2½	4.4	17.5
12½	10	My Kinda Town	10		1.2	
82	66	Northern	77	- 1	6.5	12.8
83	70	Pelican Gp	80	+ 3	2.0	16.7
152	121	PizzaExpress	150	+ 3	1.8	18.6
111	81	Prism Leisure	81		6.5	5.7
31	25	Quadrant Grp	27			
270	217	Ransomes (H)	268		2.1	31.2
439	358	Rank Org	438	+ 8	3.8	21.5
32	28	Ryan Hotels IE	31		5.3	
950	905	Savoy Hotel 'A'	910		1.0	79.9
89	76	Stakis	85½	- ½	2.3	20.1
394	341	Stanley Leisure	394	+ 1	1.8	21.6
346	280	Tamjong	346		1.0	
1203	997	Thorn EMI	1193	+ 2	3.6	21.7
169	117	Tottenham Hot	123		1.0	12.8
183	161	VCI	183		2.9	
156	129	Vardon	154	- 2	1.2	21.7
6½	2½	Wembley	2½			
135	96	Zetters Gp	115		10.3	9.0

MEDIA

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
370	335	Abbott Mead	367		2.5	23.7
310	276	Adscene	297	+ 1	3.0	18.2
29½	22	Aegis Gp	29	+ ½		11.6
7½	2½	Allied Radio	2½			
13	11	BBB Design	11			30.4
200	155	Barbour Index	198		5.5	17.7
6½	5	Brindale	5½			
325	315	Black (A&C)	320		5.5	11.3

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4625	3893½	Ang Am Coal	4181½		2.8	
3740½	2845½	Ang Am	3575	+ 28½	2.0	35.1
6487½	4975	Ang Am Gold	5415½	+ 25½	4.9	14.5
26½	22	Anglo Pac Res	25			
1600	1271½	Ashanti	1553½	+ 3½	1.0	18.3
117	93	Ashton	112	+ 4	4.6	
245	155	Ballyrchia	200			
422	337½	Beatrix	394½	+ 3	5.0	19.9
34	29	Benchi	30		3.0	
117½	83½	Blyvoor	105½	+ 2		
37	27	Bougainville	31			
18	10	Bracken	10½		8.5	
583½	353½	Buffels	416½	+ 7½	12.8	
4	1½	Butte	2½			
917	781	CRA	899	+ 20	3.2	21.0
56	43	Central Pacific	55			
56	41	Chiff Res	54			
120	76	Coal Inv	110			
255	173	Cons Murchison	173		3.5	4.7
1800	1282½	De Beers	1743½	- 12½	3.0	
108½	56	Deelkraal	61	+ ½	5.8	5.4
69½	32½	Doornfontein	46½	- ½		
971½	734½	Driefontein	853½	+ 6½	5.3	11.7
795½	568	Durban	681	+ 5½		
168½	127½	E Rand Gold	168½	+ 1½	12.5	
76½	60	E Rand Prop	60	- 7½		
70	45	Eastern Trans	62		3.7	15.1
450½	275½	Elandsrand	287½	+ ½	4.1	8.2
390	330	Eng China Clt	390	+ 2	5.2	19.1
975½	687½	FS Const	705½	+ 17½	6.7	
62	38	FS Dev	45		2.7	
2081½	1418½	GFSA	1825		2.7	20.3
60	40	GM Kalgoorl	52	+ 3	2.7	19.4
227½	188½	Gencor	208½	+ 1½	1.6	20.6
18½	118	Gold Fields Prop	144		7.3	
18½	12½	Greenwich R 'A'	14½			
163½	124	Grootvlei	136	+ 1	6.5	7.7
94½	76½	Gwalia Cons	93	- 1	1.0	11.4
619½	493½	Harmony	524½	+ 4½		
298½	209	Hartes	218½	+ 5½	12.1	6.9
1575	1150	Impala Plat	1378½	- 28½	1.8	41.7
132	83	Kidston	100	- 5	12.0	9.0
1087½	608½	Kinross	640½	+ 6½	10.4	6.4
946½	620½	Kloof	713½	+ 5½	5.0	6.6
124½	79	Leslie	80½	+ ½	13.1	4.8
288	174½	Lonrho	240½	+ 2		
21	12	Maritothena	14			
3	3	Minorgura	3			
113	80	MIM	84	+ 2	2.8	
1762½	1250	Minorco	1500		2.8	18.8
181	129	Monarch	138			
110	90	Montague	110		3.5	8.4
113	92	NSM	101	- 1		9.5
174	130	Nth Bkn Hill	162	+ 5	3.4	22.6
110	50	Orys Gold	50			
89	66	Palaconnness	88	- 1		
265	123	Petaling Tin	200		1.0	
182	123	Placer Pac	153	+ 6		
431	372	RJB	412	- 3	3.8	
831	721	RTZ	818	+ 8	3.6	14.7
32	27	Rackwood	27			
675	562½	Rand Mines	625			
727½	321	Randfontein	372½	+ 11	12.9	4.8
240	175	Renison	200	- 3		
1763½	1285½	Rustenburg	1378½	- 28½	2.2	32.9
77	46	St Barbara	50		2.8	12.7
623½	436	St Helena	573	+ 12½	10.6	
280	207	Sons Gwalia	278		4.2	18.2
23	16	Sthern Pacific	16			
1846½	1353½	Southvaal	1481½	+ 28½	5.4	18.6
123	74½	Stilfontein	97½	+ ½	24.3	2.8
194	123½	Unisel	125½		6.3	7.3
5900	3359½	Vaal Reefs	3649½	+ 243½	6.0	6.0
12	8	Wankie Col 2	8		10.8	2.7
1½	1½	Waner Hall	1½			2.3
533	473	Watts Blake	500		3.4	
2587½	1831½	Western Deep	1993½	+ 31½	4.4	7.1
379	302	Western Min	342	+ 13	1.6	35.7
881½	582½	Winkels	609½	+ 8½	8.1	8.3
48	34	Zambia Copper	36			
53	36	Zandpan	36		12.1	8.2

OIL & GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
47	42½	Aran Energy	44			
40½	19	Arcoo Intl	33			
56½	41	Aus Oil & Gas	54			
56	47	Aviva Ptl	56			
285	220	Br Borneo	278		3.4	12.8
317½	280½	British Gas	302½		6.0	33.2
471	392	Br Petroleum	460	+ 1½	3.0	14.1
3	2½	Buka Resources	2½			
900	815	Burmah Castrol	895	+ 2	4.2	15.6
91	71	Cairn Energy	91	+ 1		
280	252	Calor Gp	266		6.0	13.6
49	36	Clyde Ptl	45½		2.7	20.6
10½	5½	Coplex Res	10½			
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½			
23	18½	Edin Oil & Gs	19			31.7
434	372½	Enterprise	412		4.9	38.1
280	230	Flogas	235	+ 1½	5.2	
6	5	Fortune	6	+ ½		
75	62	Goal Pet	73½		2.8	24.1
42	24	Gt Western Res	24			
178	139	Hardy O & G	176		0.7	22.5
55	38	Kell Energy	50			
180	139	Lasmo	171	+ 2	0.7	
56	33	Lasmo Units	39		26.6	
65	58½	Monument	64			
7½	4½	New London	4½			
2675	2134½	Norsk Hydro	2595½	+ 12½	1.6	
5	3	Oceonics	3½			
46	38	Oil Search	45			
36½	27½	Petroz	36½			
27½	23	Premier	27½			
43	11	Presidio	11			
96	68	Pittencrieff Rs	95			
369	227	Ramco Egy	368		0.3	
463	365	Ranger	420		4.9	
8065½	6865½	Royal Dtch R	7921½	+ 50	4.4	15.1
4063½	3218½	Schlumberger	4046½	+ 46½	2.4	
49	29	Scott Pickford	35		3.2	6.7
98	84	Seafield	88			
774	687	Shell	759	+ 2	4.5	16.9
116	116	Sumco Eng Sr	#116			
4228½	3334½	Total	4121½	+ 29½	3.7	
10½	8½	Vilers Grp	10			
264	221	Woodside	262	+ 5	1.4	
58	33	XCL	35			

OTHER FINANCIAL

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
89	75	BWD	88	...	6.0	8.5
132	126	Baltic Plc	131		2.9	
78	50	Berry Bch NV	52		6.3	
168	148	Biotec Inv	157	- 1		

PHARMACEUTICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
590	425	Brit Biotech	494			
345	103	Caccap Pharms	133			
306	233½	Celltech	302			
144	92½	Chiroscience	143	- 1		
44	31	Cortecs	44	- 1		
191	103	Fisons	188		2.9	
749	587	Glaxo Wellcome	737	- 7	4.7	16.9
124	100	Grampian Hogt	117		6.1	15.0
264	162	Medeva	238	- 4	1.8	15.6
1½	½	Premier Health	½			
279	230	Quality Care	275	+ 45	2.0	13.6
428	273	Shire	420			
56	32	Shield Diag	45	- 6		
533	444	SmithKline B	496½	- 6½	3.3	14.7
513	416	SmithKline Unit	468½	- 13½	3.4	13.9
1080	650	Wellcome	1073	- 1	2.7	23.1
935	840	Zeneca	910	- 8	3.9	20.5

PRINTING & PAPER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
133	120	AG Holdings	128		5.4	12.5
439	377	API	439	+ 2	2.6	39.1
383	219	Arjo Wiggins	272	- 3	3.3	14.4
169	162	Aspen Comet	165		4.1	14.7
411	347	Bemrose	411	+ 10	4.0	
478	387	Bowater	460	- 2	3.8	14.4
2459½	1675	Bowater Inc	2459½	+ 3½		
298	260	Boxmore Intl	298	+ 4		
555	474	Br Polythene	555		1.9	15.6
40	22	Br Thornton	37		3.1	14.8
148	112	Britton Grp	147		6.8	3.2
201	159	Bunzl	189		2.1	16.8
156	139	Capital Indst	149		3.3	15.7
2468½	2046½	Carnaud MM	2415½	- 28½	3.9	10.6
282	237	Cropper (James)	239		2.3	
1054	864	De La Rue	913		1.8	12.6
80	52	Delyn Group	52		2.9	18.6
105	93	Dolphin Packt	105		4.0	8.4
92	81	Fairway Group	88		5.4	
340	295	Ferguson Intl	339		5.1	14.3
125	102	Ferry Pics	123		4.7	13.8
166	138	Inveresk	166		5.9	12.0
295	245	Jarvis Porter	268	+ 1	4.2	
480	381	Low & Bonar	480	+ 3	2.5	17.5
54	50	MY Holdings	51		3.0	16.0
283	229	Macfarlane	282	+ 1	4.2	12.4
180	150	Photobition	180	+ 2	2.1	20.7
220	163	Plysu	220	+ 4	4.2	13.1
363	324	St Ives Grp	359		4.0	35.9
1329½	978	Sappi	1322	- 5½	2.4	19.5
9½	6½	Senl	7½		0.4	
205	139	Sidlaw	147	+ 1		
590	490	Smith David	583	- 5	9.6	7.1
405	355	Smurfit (Jeff)	369		2.6	17.7
99	92	Sonoc	92		3.7	9.8
40	31	Unit Group	35			
263	213	Wace	237		2.8	11.3
216	187	Waddington (J)	180½	- ½	5.7	82.1
414	350	Wamough	380	+ 1	2.5	
148	136	Wyndeham	147		2.5	18.7

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	71	Allied Lond	72	...	6.7	8.6
271	255	Argent	271			
77	67	Arlesian Ests	67			
118	103	Asda	118	+ 1½	2.5	36.3
252	211	Bilton	244		5.1	17.5
215	177	Birdsy	177		4.8	15.4
24	7	Bolton Gp A	22			
73	48	Boome End	57		2.4	
196	171	Bradford	176		4.8	14.8
123	113	Brightstone	115		4.0	53.8
389	354	Br Land	378		2.6	35.9
187	164	Brixton	183	+ 1	5.7	17.2
110½	81	Burford	107	- 2	2.0	28.4
101	97	CLS Hldgs	98		4.3	13.4
148	131	Cap & Regnl	147		1.8	
209	187	Cap Shop Ctrs	209		4.2	24.9
228	158	Cardiff Prop	158		2.1	26.1
29½	18	Cassey Ind	18			
169	143	Chelsfield	169	+ 1	1.8	36.8
453	433	Chesterfield	449		3.7	
88	62	Chesterton Int	64		6.4	10.8
53	45	City Site Ests	48			11.2
8	5	Clarke Nickolls	7		3.6	10.5
77½	50	Compco	70		7.1	6.2
25	19	Con Ribler	22		3.7	25.8
1185	1180	Daejan	1185		3.1	12.2
7	3½	Dares Estates	4			
5½	5½	De Morgan	#5½			
91	61	Debenham Tewson	74		5.9	11.7
163	148	Dencora	148		3.2	
281	225	Derwent Hldgs	279	+ 6	2.2	14.6
19½	13	Development Sect	14½	+ 1	2.1	
52	36	Dwyer	37		2.5	17.5
28	26	Eleco	27			
370	250	Estates Agency	360		4.7	
23½	16	Estates Gen	18½			
112	82	Evans Of Leeds	97		3.4	18.2
25	19½	Ex-Lands	21		2.3	28.8
89	64	Fecal Propt	65		3.6	60.6
25	23½	Five Oaks	24		3.1	10.1
32	19	Fletcher King	21		8.9	10.4
47	41	Forbes Group	43		4.6	
48	34	Follas Group	42		4.7	
461	405	Frogmore	459		4.7	17.6
260	236	Gallagher	260		3.8	14.3
183	164	Gt Portland	181		5.7	31.0
138	117½	Greycoat	133		0.6	
39	22	Hambro Calvert	35		0.2	
347	310	Hammerson	331		3.8	23.1
319	300	Helical Bar	315	+ 1	2.6	
28½	22½	Hemingway	26½		1.8	20.8
21	7	Herring Baker	12		10.4	
50	31	High-Point	38		3.3	
141½	108	HK Land	141	+ 1½	5.2	
160	153	Jermyn	154		0.4	
607	545	Land Sec	587	- 10	5.2	16.8
326	305	London Intl	305		4.1	16.7
37	30	Lon & Assoct	33		2.6	
9	5½	Lon & Metro	6			0.2
95	86	Lon Merch Sec	89		5.9	14.8
407	365	MEPC	385	- 1	6.5	22.5
7½	5½	McInerney A	6½			
165	130	McKay Secs	130		5.0	12.4
66	48	Merivale Mre	64	- 1	6.3	7.7
50	25	Moorfield Est	38		4.8	12.3
1125	850	Mountview	925		3.0	7.1
148	124	Muckow (A&J)	133		6.0	17.4
1	½	ORB	1			1.3
32	23	Olives Propt	26	+ ½	1.4	
143	126	PSIT	127		4.8	17.0
249	204	Peel	209	+ 1	2.9	28.3
173	145	Pillar Prop	171	- 1	2.7	
2½	1½	Power Corp	1½			
6½	4½	Premier Land	4½			
86	70	RPS Group	84		4.3	11.7
34	23	Raglan	27			6.6
28	19½	Regalian	19½			4.8
155	100	Rowlinson Secs	128	+ 3	1.8	9.1
101	95	Rugby Est	98		2.6	
90	40	St Modwen Prp	49	- 1	4.1	8.8
50	54	Savills Grdn (J)	56		6.4	13.1
63	43	Savills	63	+ 1	4.5	10.2
75	67	Scot Met	73		4.3	12.6
90	66	Shaftesbury	88		1.4	19.2
238	208	Slough Estates	216		4.7	24.2
210	185	Smart (J)	185		5.7	19.4
55	41	Southend Prop	41		7.4	
110	103	Stanchy Shops	106		1.5	
42½	36	TBLA	40			
167	162	Tops Ests	162		1.7	41.3
108	94	Town Centre	98		3.9	17.5
89	79	Trafford Park	88		4.5	14.4
23	16	Trenchenwood	18			7.1
48	39	UK Land	45			
277	182	Warner	188		7.2	10.3
230	225	Warnford	230		4.2	19.0
74	63	Wates	68			
35	25	Whatney Mck	25			
66	43	Wood John D	44	- 1	5.7	9.5
10	5	YRM	5			

RETAILERS, FOOD

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
82½	64½	ASDA Group	81½	+ ½	2.8	18.7
305	254½	Argyll	304	+ 5	4.8	13.0
582	455	Brake Bros	579		1.6	19.2
37	23	Budgen	30½		4.1	18.5
14½	11½	Colleen	14½			
82½	58½	Dairy Farm Intl	61	+ 2½	6.3	8.8
355	343	Farepak	350		2.5	18.1
55	38	Fitzwilton	45		6.4	18.0
110	98	Fyffes	105		1.8	15.0
199	154	Geest	170	- ½	6.0	13.4
1168	1048	Greggs	1140		3.6	15.9
182	142	Iceland Group	179	+ 1	2.9	10.7
671	519	Kwik Save	584	+ 6	4.2	10.5
16½	12	Merchant Retail	16	+ ½		
147	132	Morrison (Wm)	146		1.0	14.7
191	126	Nurdin Peacock	189	+ 1	4.6	
128	89	Park Foods	113	+ 6	2.8	21.8
3	1½	Regina Hlth	1½			
440	403½	Sainsbury J	439	+ 4	3.4	14.5
281	236	Tesco	272	- 1	4.0	13.3
175	142	Thorntons	165		3.8	13.5
410	358	Watson & Philip	410	+ 1	4.7	15.4

RETAILERS, GENERAL

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
32	21	Alexon	26			
241	205	Alldays	239		3.5	13.5
433	324	Argos Plc	431	+ 2	3.0	19.3
83	63	Ashley (Laura)	81½	+ 2½		
140	65	Asprey	81	- 1	9.3	6.7
225	205	Austin Reed	212		3.5	15.2
146	129	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	+ 1	5.7	15.6
122	111	Bensalist	112		2.4	11.5
52½	38½	Betterware	42	- ½	7.7	
36	30	Blacks Leis	36	+ 2	7.8	
194	137	Body Shop	132	- 3	2.2	
531	465	Boots	525	- 2	3.7	16.7
3	1	Bowen & Jackson	1½	- ½		
239	205	Brown (N)	225		2.7	
79½	66	Burton	79½		3.1	39.2
150	92	Cantors	94	+ 1	5.3	13.4
278	235	Carpetright	258		4.0	18.4
178	132	Chelsea Intl	167	- 2	1.6	
480	450	Church	455		3.8	19.0
98	67	Clinton Cards	85		6.9	8.3
110	84	C'ty Casuals	105		5.1	
813	763	Courts Furnish	770		1.0	39.2
197	183	Dawn Eye	193		6.5	8.1
297	238	DFS Furniture	290		3.3	21.8
248	186	Dixons Grp	236		3.5	25.3
580	580	Elys (Wimbldn)	580		4.0	
330		Clarendon Grt	330	+ 2	3.5	15.6

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
562	491	Allied Domecq	545	+ 2	5.2	14.7
433	390	Bulmer (HP)	419		3.3	22.6
121	99	Burn Stewart	106		5.9	21.5
410	352	Grand Met	397	- 1	4.6	17.7
480	404	Guinness	478	+ 2	3.6	15.0
445	337	Highland Dist	360		2.6	16.3
217	175	Macallan-Glen	193		0.9	44.3
710	600	Macon Mrtn 'A'	675		1.3	29.0
604	532	Matthew Clark	604	+ 7	3.9	27.7
88	61	Minydan W	84		3.7	
167	139	Taunton Cider	167	+ 1	5.1	13.0

SUPPORT SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
110	73	AGT Group	110		6.0	11.6
740	620	ADT	735	+ 7		27.5
41	34	Alphameric	36			
74	43	Auto Sec	49			
128	101½	BET Ord	123	- 3½	3.5	17.6
178	143	BBB Rest	155	+ 3	4.4	
265	230	BPP	265	+ 5	4.5	
166	131	BSM	158	+ 1	5.1	12.3
5½	4½	Black & Edg	4½			
700	500	Borland	625			
215	105	Bnl Data Mgt	133		5.1	9.4
67	59	Brooks Service	65		4.3	
98	75	CRT Grp	97	- 1	4.3	33.8
188	138	Capita Group	185	- 1	2.2	19.0
324	277½	Chubb Sec	324	+ 9	2.5	18.9
360	223	Compr People	360		1.4	
86	61	Corp Services	82	- 2	3.8	13.0
61	45	Coults Crdigt	60		3.1	
243	204	Davis Service	243	+ 2	4.4	14.9
75	66	Dudley Jenks	67		6.2	12.7
94	41	EW Fact	41		15.0	5.7
143	136	El Data Pte	139	- 1	1.8	13.6
312	280	Hays	309	+ ½	2.6	18.5
190	145	Hogg Robinson	181		5.0	11.6
1993½	1628½	ISS B Dkr	1875	+ 6½	1.3	17.0
168	152	JBA Hldgs	168		2.5	
255	237	Johnson Clean	254		5.3	
111	84	Kalamazoo	98			
296	239	Kewill Sys	296		4.4	11.1
19	15	Laser-Scan	15		3.2	10.8
188	177	LBMS	186	- 1		
5	2	Les	3			
364	301	Logica	362	+ 1	1.8	19.4
107	65½	MDIS	91½	+ ½	8.5	20.0
208	184	MMT Comp	195		3.6	15.3
128	78	MR Data Mngt	93		7.4	11.5
438	368	Macro 4	438		5.9	12.3
2140½	1634½	Manpower	1731½	+ 12½	0.2	
840	678	Micro Focus	700	+ 5		21.9
128	102	Microgen	128	+ 1	7.1	13.9
361	305	Misys	359		3.0	11.2
227	197	MITIE Gp	227		1.4	23.1
28	22	Novo Group	22½		1.1	8.6
35	17	OIS Intl	21		3.6	
24	18	Orbis	22		3.6	
104	74	P & P	100		3.2	12.2
129	110	Michael Page	128		2.9	14.3
134	106	Pentref	134	+ 1	1.6	
173	138	Pegasus	173		3.7	12.7
110	93	Penna	93		5.4	
73	57	Proudfoot	62		8.1	
305	260	RCO	268		7.5	9.8
41	33	Redac	40		3.3	13.9
183	150	Real Time	164		3.0	12.5
144	123	Reed Executive	126		2.0	
150	142	Reliance Sec	150	+ 1	4.2	22.8
283	212½	Rentokil	263	+ 3	1.6	32.4
143	135	Ricardo Group	141		5.3	17.6
185	158	Rodie & Nolan	165		3.0	26.3
990	662	Sage Grp	990	+ 20	1.4	21.6
290	229	Salvesen (C)	260		3.9	13.4
93	78	Sanderson Elec	92		3.9	13.3
14½	12	Select App	14½	+ ½		
410	383	Serna Grp	383	+ ½	1.3	
292	238	Serco Gp	292	+ 1	1.2	24.3
201	158	Servisair	190		2.5	
144	80	Shared Cmpt	142	- 1	1.8	
94	83	Skechley	89		4.5	15.0
18½	11	Standard Plat	15			
187	167	Stat-Plus	187		6.4	17.5
265	116	Unipalm	220	+ 2		
16	11½	Vistec	14		3.6	7.6
49	40	WSP Hldgs	48		5.2	12.8
295	245	Warner Howard	284		3.6	

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
411½	364½	BT	403½	- 3	5.3	16.7
427	350½	Cable Wireless	418	- 5	2.5	17.1
1540	1480	Securicor	1498		0.3	34.2
1003	900	Securicor 'A'	910		0.5	20.8
188	728	Security Serv	801		1.0	32.4
212	147	Telewest	162	+ 6		
	177½	Vodafone	198		1.9	25.6

TEXTILES & APPAREL

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	66	Albon	71		5.6	3.8
148	116	Alendra Wt	145	+ 1½	5.2	16.4
259	223	Allied Text	240		3.5	14.7
84	72	Atkins	81		12.5	25.7
37	31	Automagic	31			7.8
245	200	Baird (Wm)	241		5.0	18.1
47	36	Beckman (A)	40		10.6	
262	239	Black (Peter)	258	+ 1	2.2	15.1
121	111	Bridgon-Gndivt	115	+ 3	3.4	13.5
206	180	Br Mohair	208		5.5	13.7
35	24	Campari	#25			
84	68	Cassidy Bros	73		4.7	9.4
185	171	Claremo Pharm	173		5.3	22.7
323	282	Claremont Grt	330	+ 2	3.5	15.6
218	166	Coats Viyella	211	+ 1	5.0	14.4
494	410	Courtaulds Text	493	+ 10	3.8	15.3
135	126	Dalkeith	126		6.0	6.6
124	92½	Dawson	119½	+ ½	3.1	
172	129½	Dewhirst (I)	171	- ½	1.9	
41	30	Dinkie Heel	36		4.9	
36½	25	Drummond	30			
26	13	Ebel	16			16.1
68	50	Fampal	50			
380	260	FII	378		12.2	8.1
151	146	Formmster	151		4.9	28.7
21	17	Foster (John)	20		2.7	12.7
95	85	French	85			
102	72	Gent SR	98		5.3	11.6
103	85	Haggas	102		3.0	21.8
17	7½	Hartstone	12½	+ ½	3.7	14.0
21	21	Helene Plc	25	+ 2	3.3	
241	213	Hicking Pntcst	223		10.1	10.3
26	21	Hollas	24½		2.8	15.8
71	53	Honeysuckle	53		3.1	
133	80	Horace Small	117	- 7	7.1	6.1
210	187	Jacques Vert	204			9.4
69	56	Jerome (S)	69		3.2	8.4
378	327	Jones Stroud	377		2.7	7.5
141	118	Lambert	130		3.0	18.3
350	283	Lamont	350		6.8	
274	241	Leeds	260		4.7	16.6
73	63	Leslie Wise Gp	70		3.0	13.5
84	59	Lyles (S)	64		7.6	12.6
27	23½	Marling	24		4.9	7.2
10	10	PEX	10		8.4	
168	135	Parkland	160	+ 1	4.4	
126	102	Pentland	122	+ 2½	3.2	18.6
73	56	Pitards	56		4.5	15.7
67	58½	Readicut	67		6.4	11.3
66	60	Renmore	63		5.6	6.7
51	43	Rickards	50		5.0	
61	50	SEET	71			
101	75	Sherwood Grp	101		4.0	13.7
142	123	Shiloh	134		3.5	
106	90	Sirdar	106	+ 2	6.5	14.9
56	51	Stirling Gp	56	+ 1	4.4	15.5
21	14	Strong & Fisher	14		8.9	10.3
40	34	UK Safety	40		8.7	48.8
172	114	Usher (Frank)	180		6.2	9.4
143	109	Yenvairt	133		4.1	14.5
280	244	Yorklyde	280		3.3	

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70	61	Air London	69		6.3	13.1
758½	625½	All Nippon Air	703½	+ 6½	0.3	
298	282	Assoc Br Ports	294		2.3	18.7
486	414	BAA	483	+ 7	2.4	18.8
155	130	Badgerline	144		3.9	14.6
100	48	Berkeley Bus	49			
435	348	Br Airways	433	+ 3	3.3	10.7
51	25	Central Trns R	50	+ 1		
115	93	Clarkson (H)	112	+ 2	2.3	
179	153	Clydeport	175		2.5	16.1
167	142	Dart	167		2.9	16.1
230	103	Eurodollar	230		4.6	18.0
324	179	Eurotunnel Uts	198	- 5		
65	50	Fisher (James)	65		1.9	13.8
541	438	Forth Ports	540		2.3	
286	230	GRT Bust	271		2.0	
226	166	Go-Ahead	226		2.2	24.4
248	199	Goode Durrant	245	- 3	3.2	19.2
135	102	IoM Steam	102		5.4	13.4
69	55	Jacobs (J)	58		2.2	
77	67	Lon O'Seas Frts	73	+ 1	6.6	1.7
440	358	Mersey Docks	440	+ 2	3.0	17.4
189	158	NFC	182½	+ 2½	4.9	18.7
386	289	Natl Express	386		2.9	
319	261	Ocean Group	316	+ 1	5.7	20.6
83	68	Ocean Wilson	83		4.8	12.9
612	549	P & O Dfd	608	+ 12	8.3	18.1
193	187	P & O 5.5%	192	+ 7½	3.6	
93	87	Sawcon	91		3.3	47.0
238	196	Stagecoach	215		2.5	21.4
110	79	TNT	81	+ 3		
713	500	Tibbet & Britten	525		3.9	13.3
229½	184	TDG	228	+ 1	5.2	15.3
128	92	Uniglobe	106		2.8	
110	90	Utd Carriers	110		5.6	

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
530	443	Anglian	501	+ 2	5.9	11.3
349	295	Mid Kent Hldgs	327		4.6	10.8
577	483	North West	574	+ 1	5.2	8.2
908	876	Northumbrian	901	+ 1	3.6	9.7
564	475	Severn Trent	547	+ 4	5.4	9.1
2205	1855	South Staffs	2205		3.1	13.3
527	458	South West	511	+ 2	6.4	7.6
605	517	Southern	607	- 2	5.0	8.7
504	456	Thames	488	+ 2	6.0	7.3
679	567	Welsh	621	+ 1	5.3	6.8
312	252	Wessex	293	+ 1	5.2	7.7
560	472	Yorkshire	558		5.3	8.2

Source: Fiscal

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High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101⅛	100¹¹⁄₃₂	Exch 10¼% 1995	100²⁵⁄₃₂		10.16	6.43
104⅛	102⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 12¾% 1995	102²⁹⁄₃₂		12.39	6.78
108⅛	104⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 14% 1996	104²⁹⁄₃₂		13.36	6.82
109⅛	107⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 15¼% 1996	107²⁷⁄₃₂		14.18	7.07
107⅛	105⁹⁄₁₆	Exch 13¼% 1996	105²¹⁄₃₂		12.52	7.09
103⁹⁄₁₆	103⅛	Conv 10% 1996	103⅛	+ ⅛	9.65	7.39
98⅛	97⅛	Treas 7% 1997	98⅛		7.07	7.59
109⅛	108⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	108⅛		12.17	7.56
105⅛	104⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	104⅛	+ ⅛	10.03	7.59
102⅛	100⅛	Treas 8¾% 1997	102⅛	+ ⅛	8.58	7.75
116⅛	114⅛	Exch 15% 1997	115⅛		12.98	7.86
105⅛	102⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	104⅛	+ ⅛	9.35	7.93
98⅛	96⅛	Treas 7¼% 1998	98⅛	+ ⅛	7.37	7.93
97⅛	94⅛	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	96⅛	+ ⅛	6.96	7.93
116	114⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	115⅛	- ⅛	12.11	8.08
122⅛	120⅛	Treas 15½% 1998	121⅛	- ⅛	12.72	7.97
112⅛	109⅛	Exch 12% 1998	111⅛	+ ⅛	10.73	8.06
104⅛	100⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	104⅛	+ ⅛	9.08	8.04
113⅛	111⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	113⅛	+ ⅛	10.79	8.10
108⅛	105⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	108⅛	+ ⅛	9.78	8.07
93⅛	89⅛	Treas 6% 1999	92⅛	+ ⅛	6.45	8.00
108⅛	105⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	107⅛	+ ⅛	9.50	8.13

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
104⅛	100⅛	Conv 9% 2000	103⅛	+ ⅛	8.67	8.03
100⅛	96⅛	Treas 8% 2000	99⅛	+ ⅛	8.00	8.01
120⅛	117	Treas 13% 2000	119⅛	+ ⅛	10.84	8.17
108⅛	104⅛	Treas 10% 2001	108⅛	+ ⅛	9.24	8.18
94⅛	90⅛	Treas 7% 2001	94⅛	- ⅛	7.42	8.15
108⅛	103⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	108	- ⅛	9.03	8.28
99⅛	94⅛	Treas 8% 2003	98⅛	+ ⅛	8.11	8.25
110⅛	105⅛	Treas 10% 2003	109⅛	+ ⅛	9.09	8.31
114⅛	110⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	114⅛	+ ⅛	10.05	8.32
78⅛	73	Fund 3½% 1999-04	77⅛	+ ⅛	4.50	6.84
108⅛	103⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	107⅛	+ ⅛	8.81	8.29
91⅛	86⅛	Treas 6¾% 2004	90⅛	+ ⅛	7.46	8.21
103⅛	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2005	102⅛	+ ⅛	8.32	8.23
109⅛	103⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	108⅛	+ ⅛	8.78	8.27
124⅛	119⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	124⅛	+ ⅛	10.08	8.47
97⅛	92⅛	Treas 7¾% 2006	96⅛	+ ⅛	8.03	8.24
99⅛	93⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	98⅛	+ ⅛	8.12	8.23
118⅛	113⅛	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	118⅛	+ ⅛	9.94	8.48
102⅛	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	102⅛	+ ⅛	8.33	8.23
131⅛	126⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	130⅛	+ ⅛	10.31	8.48
107⅛	101⅛	Treas 9% 2008	106⅛	+ ⅛	8.48	8.23
98⅛	94	Treas 8% 2009	98⅛	+ ⅛	8.15	8.22

LONGS (over 15 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
84⅛	79⅛	Treas 6¼% 2010	83⅛	+ ⅛	7.52	8.19
107⅛	101⅛	Conv 9% 2011	106⅛	+ ⅛	8.44	8.25
107⅛	102⅛	Treas 9% 2012	106⅛	+ ⅛	8.42	8.24
77⅛	72⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	76⅛	+ ⅛	7.17	8.03
99⅛	93⅛	Treas 8% 2013	98	+ ⅛	8.16	8.21
96⅛	91⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95⅛	+ ⅛	8.09	8.20
106⅛	100⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	105⅛	+ ⅛	8.27	8.18
134⅛	127⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	133⅛	...	8.98	8.39

UNDATED

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
43⅛	40⅛	War Ln 3½%	42⅛	- ⅛	8.18	..
30⅛	28⅛	Treas 2½%	30⅛	+ ⅛	8.30	..

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High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
209⅛	201⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	209⅛	- ⅛	1.23	3.42
109⅛	106⅛	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109⅛	+ ⅛	2.45	3.49
173⅛	165⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2001	173⅛	+ ⅛	3.04	3.53
170⅛	161⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2003	170⅛	+ ⅛	3.17	3.56
113⅛	108⅛	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	113⅛	+ ⅛	3.18	3.54
179⅛	169⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	179⅛	+ ⅛	3.27	3.55
162⅛	152⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162⅛	+ ⅛	3.32	3.56
168⅛	157⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	168⅛	+ ⅛	3.37	3.59
138⅛	129⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138⅛	+ ⅛	3.39	3.58
148	137⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148	+ ⅛	3.43	3.61
142⅛	131⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2020	142⅛	+ ⅛	3.46	3.63
118⅛	109⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118⅛	+ ⅛	3.47	3.61
117⅛	108⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117⅛	+ ⅛	3.48	3.63

Redundancy leads to over-45s starting firms

BY RODNEY HOBSON

OLDER entrepreneurs are turning to running their own businesses, the quarterly NatWest start-up index of small businesses shows. People in the 44-54 age bracket now account for a fifth of all start-ups in England and Wales, nearly double the percentage recorded in 1990. In the past five years, the average age of owners of new businesses has risen from 32 to 37.

Ian Peters, head of NatWest's small business services, says the main factor has been redundancy. "This is particularly noticeable in the over-45 bracket where almost one in four gave redundancy as their main reason for starting their own business, four times the figure for 16-24 year olds," he says.

Redundancy now accounts for 14 per cent of all business start-ups, double the 1990 figure. Mr Peters adds, however, that what motivates most people is still a desire to run their own businesses and make money. He says: "Research shows that the older the owner, the better prepared and more capitalised they will be and the more likely they are to succeed. Those founding a business in their late forties are more than twice as likely to survive as those in their early twenties."

NatWest projections indicate that 400,000 businesses will start trading in 1995, an 8 per cent increase on last year. The 95,000 businesses set up in the first quarter marked a 12 per cent increase on the comparable period last year, "an optimistic sign reflecting the gradual return of confidence".

Mr Peters says: "Most new business owners remain cautious, however, as shown by reduced and more realistic expectations for first-year sales. Despite subdued consumer demand, retailing remains the most popular sector with a fifth of all start-ups."

Only a third of new businesses have any employees other than the founders, compared with more than half eight years ago.

London and the South East, traditionally the home of small businesses, are seeing a marked decline in start-ups. Eastern England has seen most activity, particularly in the East Midlands.



"The overwork has put your company in recovery and your body in recession"

Homework pays off

BY BRIAN COLLETT

Plenty of advisers will tell you how to run a business from home, while they work from offices in the high street.

Andrew and Sophie James have made a business out of advising people on running a business from home — but they practise what they preach. They operate Active Information from the attic of their house in Hammersmith, west London.

For them, the business has been a complete life change created by force of circumstances, and it has given them a ringside view of self-employment. The upheaval began when Mr James, a marketing manager in the computer industry, was made redundant.

He recalls that he exclaimed: "Whoopee! I've got what I want." He became a consultant, worked at it for 18 months, and finally, sadly, discovered he was not cut out for it. At the same time, Mrs James, a television researcher, had finished a contract and became pregnant.

At that point, Mr James decided to write a newsletter for people working from home. "I set it up in a state of total ignorance," he admits.

Surprises were around the corner. "We found there was a huge market, a hidden workforce," he says. "All we knew was that it was big and growing. We produced the first issue on a wave of optimism. But we soon found it was not something to do just between baby feeds. It was full-time for both of us."

One discovery was an "enormous hunger" among the self-employed for get-rich-quick schemes. For most, however, home-working self-employment means toil, enterprise driven by necessity, and knowing the ropes. Articles in recent issues of Active Information's publication, *Home Run*, now a monthly magazine, advise small business owners to charge realistically for work and to create a professional image.



Home together: Andrew and Sophie James with their children Caspian and Saskia

Another article gives the assurance that, in most cases, running a business from home does not need planning approval. Many uneconomic practices were uncovered by the couple. Mr James tells of a man who cycled across London to deliver a document. He used up 90 valuable minutes and did not even allow himself time to format his document properly or spell-check it — all to save a £10 courier's fee.

One rule Mr James has learnt is: Don't make assumptions. He thought he could bulk-sell *Home Run* to companies laying off staff, but they preferred to hand over the people to outplacement agencies. He approached the agencies, but they preferred to sell courses at four times the price of his services.

Mr James started the business and supported it for about two years with his redundancy pay-off. Now, he has built up his client list to 1,200, all paying a subscription of £48 a head, and the business has climbed past the break-even mark.

BRIEFINGS

The Development Board for Rural Wales has started building its first green business park on two acres of reclaimed railway goods yard at Machynlleth, Powys. Work at the new Dyfi Eco Park has begun on a 5,800 sq ft unit being built with Welsh larch, Douglas fir and locally sourced natural material chosen to minimise health risks, energy consumption and maintenance. Industrial archaeological remains from the old railway line to Corris uncovered during preparatory work have been incorporated into the site layout.

☐ Barclays Merchant Services, part of the banking group, has produced an information pack on overseas visitors to help retailers and other businesses. It includes basic phrases in European languages and Japanese, comparative clothes and shoe sizes, and advice on helping shoppers to reclaim tax on goods. Helpline: 0345 212515.

☐ Three out of ten employers now have staff who work from home, or intend to do so, according to research from BT. This record level is partly down to last summer's rail strikes, which forced home-working trials on many employers. The BT survey found that consultancy and media companies were the fastest to convert to working from home.

☐ Hawtec, the training and enterprise council for Hereford & Worcester, has secured a £100,000 government grant to help business start-ups. Details: Freephone 0800 104010.

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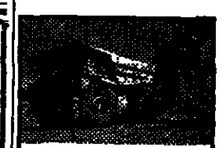
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Objects of obscure desire

From malign-looking African figures, to Surrealist foot-worship and the whimsies of contemporary art: **Richard Cork** on fetishism





Wandering one day through a dealer's basement in Paris, Jacob Epstein opened a cupboard and discovered, to his astonishment, one of the finest African carvings lurking inside. He immediately bought the so-called "Brummer Head" for his burgeoning collection of tribal art. "It is an evocation of a spirit that penetrates into another world," he wrote, "a world of ghosts and occult forces."

Epstein's awed remark came to my mind in the first room of *Fetishism*, an absorbing and provocative National Touring Exhibition at Brighton Museum and Art Gallery. For the show kicks off, in a shadowy space, with an array of African Power Objects. Isolated now in sanitised display cases, these hypnotic standing figures are far removed from the settings they once inhabited. Epstein, brooding over similar carvings at home, was enthralled when he tried to "imagine them as originally used in their sacred or tribal dances, worn by the fetish men moving through the crowds of onlookers, brought to the highest pitch of excitement by drums and chanting".

He concluded that "their effect must have been tremendous", and his enthusiasm played an important part in generating Western admiration for such carvings. All the same, his knowledge of their original function was inevitably limited. The word fetish is itself a European term, coined by 16th-century Portuguese traders who took back charms and amulets from the West African coast. They were intended by their makers to bring health, luck and prosperity. But the Portuguese word *feitico* means sorcery as well as charm. As these carvings gradually became known in the West, so they were associated with dark and sinister customs.

At Brighton, I had no difficulty in imagining the beneficent purpose of the "charm gowns". Made by the Asante people in the country now called Ghana, they do not seem at all macabre. Some of the standing figures, though, look far more alarming. The carvings produced by the Kongo peoples, who lived around the mouth of the River Zaire, often bristle with nails and blades. They look for all the world like objects of destruction, their weapons implanted by vengeful men bent on wiping out their enemies. But the facts, once again, point in a very different direction. Each of the blades and nails was, apparently, hammered in by a supplicant wanting to seek out the truth, cure sickness or take an oath.

As African sculpture attracted more admirers in 20th-century Europe, it was taken up by Dada and Surrealism. Man Ray, no doubt fascinated by the aggressive impact of the Kongo figures, decided to stud a flat iron with tin tacks. The result was one of his most shocking objects. Armed with these unexpected teeth, the mundane iron takes on a predatory force. It seems capable of tearing through any garment, "charmed" or not. And this emphasis on violence accords with the sentiments expressed by the arch-Dadaist Duchamp, who made an outrageous suggestion for a ready-made work: "use a Rembrandt as an ironing board".

Duchamp was launching an assault on the fetishisation of the unique art object. But the Surrealists were fascinated above all by the sexual implications of fetishism. "I defy any lover of modern art to adore a painting as a fetishist adores a shoe", declared Georges Bataille, helping to explain the Surrealists' special love of feet. Jacques-André Boiffard delighted in taking close-up photographs of anonymous toes, identifying them only by their age and gender. *Big Toe, feminine subject, twenty-four years old*, the title of a Boiffard photograph published by Bataille, can be seen on one level as an erotic invitation. But its sheer strangeness is alienating as well. Boiffard would also have been aware of the toe's phallic suggestiveness.

> The sexual implications of fetishism fascinated the Surrealists

The most engrossing part of the show's Surrealist section centres on "cabinets of curiosity". Here the Surrealists could savour their own collections, juxtaposing African and Oceanic carvings with their friends' work, ready-mades and natural objects they had found themselves. By far the most disquieting Surrealist exhibits are Hans Bellmer's *Doll* images. Determined to sully their apparent innocence, this relentless German set about stripping, distorting and even dismembering them at will.

He makes even the most extreme work in the final section, devoted to contemporary art, look mild. Jordan Baseman's *Pretty Baby* uses a cheap doll's face, peering out apprehensively from a curtain of hair. Tightly secured by a buckled belt, the tendrils take on a curious life of their own. But they are tender compared with Bellmer's gloating savagery, and in another work Baseman makes hair flow down from a boy's buttoned-up shirt with melancholy listlessness.

Bodily parts are much in evidence throughout this room, and they undergo some unlikely metamorphoses. The transition from infancy to adulthood, and the concomitant onset of sexual awareness, haunts plenty of images. Orange teats from feeding bottles project, in Rona Pondick's *Baby*, from legs wearing at the other end a pair of small white shoes. As for Charles LeDray's *Red Head*, where a bandanna pokes through a pair of underpants, it was inspired by the story of a seven-year-old girl who "reinvented herself" as a boy to fend off the threat of sexual abuse. In view of that gruesome information, *Red Head* itself seems lighthearted to a fault.

The besetting sin of fetishism in art today is whimsicality. Renée Stout's *Fetish No 3*, a "power doll" festooned with beads, feathers and bags of medicine, seems merely cute after the African carvings earlier in the show. I preferred the rawness of Dorothy Cross's *Amazon* which takes as its starting-point a tailor's dummy on a three-legged mahogany stand. Cross undermines its politeness and delicacy, swathing the dummy in hide and adding a solitary cow's udder. Terminating in an erect teat, the udder becomes a breast pointing outwards in a brazen, almost militant manner.

The cumulative effect of all these highly loaded anatomical fragments is, in the end, aesthetic indigestion. Gorged on Tania Kovats's toe-nail clippings suspended in polyurethane, and Sonia Boyce's cushion stuffed with hair, I found myself suffering a chronic sense of surfeit.

Relief, however, is at hand. Lying on the floor with its lid already open, Hadrian Pigott's *Instrument of Hygiene* offers the delights of a portable bathroom. An old-fashioned wash-basin nestles in deep red velvet, flanked by soaps and copper fixtures. The fact that all these objects are enclosed in a leatherette suitcase gives them a weird secretive status. But after viewing the rest of this overpowering and often downright creepy show, the prospect of a good wash and brush-up seems wonderfully welcome.

● Fetishism is *at Brighton Museum and Art Gallery (01273 603 005) until July 2*



Three of the exhibits included in *Fetishism*, the National Touring Exhibition show currently in Brighton: a Power Figure by the Songye people of Zaire (top left); *Amazon*, by Dorothy Cross, 1992 (top right); *Delicious*, 1994, by Sylvie Fleury

AROUND THE GALLERIES

☐ AS RELATIONSHIPS between individual pieces start to emerge in the major show of ten years' work by Mark Wallinger which has just arrived at the Serpentine, it becomes a matter of comfort to observe the artist's consistent attitude to subject-matter. This is London's first opportunity to appreciate the variety of media Wallinger uses — from hyper-realist painting to video film footage — but that diversity soon comes to seem less important than the striking overall atmosphere.

The first gallery presents a group of large oil portraits of racehorses. The paint is applied smoothly, to a level of glossy "quality" appropriate to the animals' rare pedigree and exclusive ownership. The paintings look down upon a diminutive model of Stonehenge made out of house bricks. In the next gallery, in a work called *School*, an elegant series of line drawings on blackboard runs through a range of views and representations of space. A lightbulb shines from a fixed position in each of the delicate diagrammatic and perspectival presentations.

In another, darkened, room a video of the tragi-comic comedian Tommy Cooper in full flight is run backwards continuously. The fez jerks backwards onto his head, and his rambling and ranting, now completely incomprehensible, stops and starts violently. Next door, a hosepipe snakes itself through the gallery and out of the window to let a permanent but somewhat desultory jet of water trickle into the park outside.

Wallinger uses the familar for broadly political ends. The uneasy relationship between pomp and circumstance and the power it represents is repeatedly characterised here. Wallinger's genuine enthusiasm for horse racing, for instance, places him unusually close to such situations: the painted fetlocks of one horse are matched up with the gleaming rump of another, while film footage of the Royal Family on its way to Royal Ascot plays next door. The subject of national identity is a difficult one for artists to deal with: it seems particularly bold to tackle it in this humorous "end of the pier" spirit.
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☐ Although Mark Francis's new paintings of dots could be abstract, they carry a certain level of illusion that suggests they describe some autonomous activity or life. They have been rubbed, dragged and painted into velvety peaks that look like molecules, microbes or microscopic bugs spied down a microscope. Each dot is surrounded by an afterglow or residue which implies that the whole lot have been shunting and shuffling around in their own shallow, monochromatic space.
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☐ An empty West End showroom with mirrored wall and white tiled floors has been filled by *See Saw*, an installation by Ann-Marie LeQuesne incorporating the artist's repeated self-portrait silhouette cut from white cardboard. The level of commercial display in this part of London is generally so sophisticated and luxurious that the competition is strong and it would be very easy to walk on by. The repeated life-size cut-outs that reflect back forever to infinity are reminiscent of Seventies decoration in the utilitarian sparseness of their material and conception.
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Stalking onstage to a flurry of affectionate applause, Moore picked up his guitar, kicked off his shoes, mumured, "Let's get started" and began a two-hour, one-man show that set the gamut of emotions to virtuoso music.

In his 30-year career, Christy Moore has resuscitated folk music in much the same way Bob Dylan did. His approach, which achieves a creative tension between the traditional and the new, is deservedly appreciated. His latest album, *Live At The Point*, entered the Irish charts at No 1. Its sales are already, after only two months, in the millions and out-selling R.E.M. and Take That combined.

Tapping out rhythms with his stockinged feet, Moore exudes an ordinary charisma (if such a thing is possible). Many songs — such as *Natives*, *Welcome to the Cabaret* and Shane McGowan's *Fairy Tale of New York* — touch on universal issues. Themes of love, isolation and community may be found in other music, but in Moore's hands they assume a transfiguring power.

His song about a 15-year-old schoolgirl dying in childbirth, *In the Middle of the Island*, which Moore plays to the accompaniment of the bodhran, quivered with a raging passion that was electrifying to experience.

If such raw, emotive songs stood out, it is because Moore paces his show carefully. Jocular, meandering introductions produced anecdotes about his wilder years as a drinking man, as well as strange tales concerning the singular properties of Irish hallucinogenic fungi.

An attentive capacity audience knew all the cues: there were ripples of applause when their home towns were mentioned, loud cheers for Jack Charlton's name in *Joxer Goes To Stuttgart*, and louder cheers when Moore sang of a winning goal scored against England.

Moore also gave us some spirited encores, which included the old favourites *Lisdoonvarna* and *The Night Visit*.

LOUISE GRAY

Puzzlingly neglected

John Russell Taylor on a Kettering celebration of the work of the British Symbolist Thomas Cooper Gotch



The Exile, or "*Heavy is the Price I Paid for Love*"

It is difficult to know which of the two important Victorian artists born in Kettering means less today: Alfred East, after whom the rather grand municipal gallery is named, or Thomas Cooper Gotch, whose work is now being given a stirring retrospective there.

The two men were roughly contemporary, East born in 1844, Gotch ten years later. They were famous, once they had achieved fame, for rather different things: East was primarily a landscape artist, on a grand scale; Gotch was a Symbolist devoted primarily to painting people. When Gotch died in 1931 he was already very much a back number, and for many years shared the neglect which engulfed most of his generation and inclination.

Inevitably, however, with a widespread revival of interest in Symbolism — at the moment two important French Symbolists are being honoured with major British shows, Odilon Redon in London, Maurice Denis in Liverpool — Gotch has been coming in for some renewed attention.

A number of his works seem to have a vaguely Christian significance. But it seems clear that it was the beauty of images traditionally associated with religion, rather than the matter of religion itself, that Gotch worshipped. In true Symbolist fashion, his works are numinous but elusive if one attempts to pin them down to any precise significance, whether religious or otherwise.

Sometimes the title gives a teasing clue: many of these works could readily be seen as that hardy perennial of the Academy "line", the Problem Picture. What, say, is *Death the Bride* about? A slightly mature Ophelia is picking her way through a field of poppies wearing what looks like a bridal veil but in deepest black.

In *The Flag*, a barefoot child, again haloed, walks confidently through a wood, apparently in her nightgown, with a tiny unfigured pennant in her hand. *The Supper Party* takes place outdoors on a summer night, but there seems to be something indistinctly supernatural going on at its margins.

Even in some of the later works, Gotch deliberately poses puzzles. What seems like a quite straightforward, richly coloured portrait of a slightly grumpy young woman is called *The Exile*: "*Heavy is the Price I Paid for Love*". But for all this riddling quality — and to a certain extent because of it — Gotch remains an insidiously memorable painter, a maker of images which, despite at times inspiring a faint tendency to giggle, do worm their way into one's consciousness.

If British Symbolists are finally standing up to be counted — and there is a really big exhibition of them coming up with the blessing of the Tate next year — Gotch will certainly prove to be among the most interesting of their number.

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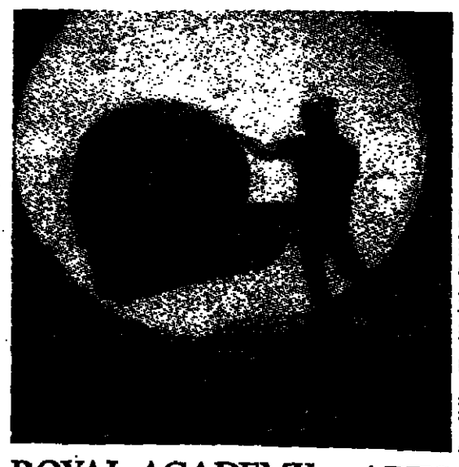


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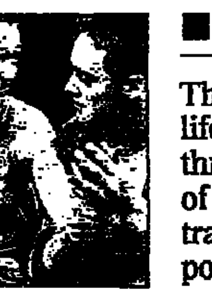
Return of the giant invisible rabbit: Gordon Kaye stars in a West End revival of *Harvey*



■ TONIGHT

A coup for Clwyd as Harold Pinter's haunting play *Old Times* is given a new production with Julie Christie

THE TIMES ARTS



■ THEATRE 1

The mysteries of life are seen through the eyes of four Irish travellers in the poetic *True Lines*



■ THEATRE 2

The royal house of Theseus becomes a hospital for the horribly diseased in a weak Romanian version of *Phaedra*

THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** is caught up in a bizarre and intriguing journey without maps

Around the world in a daze

True Lines
Bush

What lines are these? This devised play by the Irish company Bickerstaffe suggests, among others, the Songlines, invisible pathways across Australia which the Aborigines must traverse, singing the world into being afresh. It suggests the Nazca Lines in Peru, repeating on earth the constellations of the sky.

The lines a man's body traces when he jumps from a Berlin rooftop contain a kind of truth, but its element is destructive. The Interstate cutting like an arrow across Kansas (Dorothy's land) is ambivalent: a person can use it for self-destruction or re-creation. Way back in time, on an archaeological site in Ethiopia, two lines of footsteps, made by proto-humans, perhaps a mother and child, diverge.

The four Irish travellers in the play — only one of whom talks, and then briefly, of Ireland — have reached four continents and lack a sense of settlement in the world. They are an epileptic computer programmer in Alice Springs, a childless mother on the Interstate, an archaeologist, and a man whose journeys across Berlin are peppered with falling bodies.

Their lives do not connect, but each actor plays a passing role in other scenes. Tom Murphy, as the dreamy programmer Emmet — sent on vacation by his firm because, ironically, his "mental software isn't on-line" — turns up as the ludicrously laid-back driver who offers Aisling (Cathy Belton) a lift in Kansas. Punning on the Oz connection, he is also a mysterious telephone caller who asks for news of Dorothy, and the series of red-shirted men who plummet to the Berlin pavements. The superficially fragmented structure is connected just below the surface by the anxieties common to all. The universe is absurd and the characters of *True Lines* have become aware of this, their nerve-endings alert to nuance and detail. Their lives are composed of transient encounters, yet those we are shown suggest dots that could be joined up, directions that might form a pattern.

The qualities that make the play work so well, along with the fine and truthful performances, are the reflective, poetic nature of the writing and a production by John Crowley that makes dreamlike short cuts within and between scenes. A chair becomes a ticket booth, a single suitcase crosses the world: Gwynne McElveen's archaeologist becomes an aeroplane; angles shift and we are looking down upon the heads of characters or up from their feet. Again and again Stuart Townsend's Bill hears the splat of a falling body behind him, turns resignedly and carts off a corpse.

The mood is comic at the same time as it is serious, the more serious for embracing the comic. The story developments delight us with their surprises, and the final tableau, bringing all four characters on to the stage, creates, in a sense broader than the obvious pun, a perfect dying fall.

MARILYN KINGWILL



Cathy Belton and Tom Murphy travel across Kansas in the Bickerstaffe company's production of *True Lines*

Of artifice and heart

Kate Bassett on poor Romanian Greek tragedy in Brighton, and fine German Greek tragedy in London

IN this Romanian production of **Phaedra** (at the Theatre Royal, Brighton), Theseus's royal house has turned, during his absence, into a hospital for the horribly diseased. In Silviu Purcarete's semi-sung, semi-danced vision of Phaedra's love for her son-in-law, the queen rolls about on a bed rumpled with feverish, forbidden lust.

Perhaps this whole dark drama of a mother, son and father racked with desire, revulsion and murderous jealousy is a bad dream of broken taboos. Theseus is wheeled by, prostrate on his own bed, crying out against Phaedra's festering secret craving. The warrior-king is as decrepit as the chorus. They shuffle about clutching dwarfingly big walking sticks. Meanwhile, Artemis, the goddess of Chastity and the Chase, passes through silently, bound in bandages from head to foot.

You would have grounds for taking the palace and surrounding woods for an infirmary or asylum. The world is seen in monochrome, as in the sleep of distempered minds. Or perhaps we are already down among the dead. The beds might be adrift on the Styx. The chorus, huddled in black trilbies and overcoats (a tired costuming concept), look ready for a funeral. They move slowly, as on the bottom of the sea or in outer space. Indeed the script, a rather unsatisfactory patchwork of Euripides and Seneca, is often accompanied by intergalactic electronics.

But Troezen is also still tribal. Aphrodite, a primitive earth mother, pads about with her long hair hiding her face, like an incognito Neanderthal. Hippolytus and his boys, washing off after the hunt, sport thongs and headbands. This back-to-basics business does not quite come off. Hippolytus (Angel Rababoc) receives the news of Phaedra's (Leni Pintea-Homeag) animal passion by snuffling like a raging bull — or was he just sneezing?

Ilie Gheorghe is a fine Theseus, staggering out of his clothing as he crumples into madness. However, the incantations are mannered, the choreography stagy. Purcarete's recent direction of *The Tempest* in Portugal, reworking intriguingly parallel images of underwater afterworlds and madhouse mourning, proved him far more sophisticated and inspired than does this production. *Phaedra* tours, after the Brighton Festival, to London's Riverside Studios, Bristol and Leeds.

FOR a fine foreign staging of Greek tragedy, go to the Riverside now for Hansgunther Heyme's **Antigone**. This production — in German — superbly captures both the formal clarity and the emotional crunch of Sophocles's tragedy. Antigone, determined to bury her beloved brother against King Kreon's decree, speaks in a gentle, low voice. She sounds eerily assured, even as she shakes with fear. Marina Matthias's Antigone is at once an orphan girl and powerfully grown-up; a pure martyr in a christening-cum-wedding dress, but with the dreadlocks of a wild child.

I could have done with less of Peter Kaghanovitch, playing multiple roles in the authentic tradition of compactly cast Greek tragedy. He turns in a slightly camp Haimon and hammy Tiresias, whose blindness apparently entails walking around with the hands-out weak bounce of Bill and Ben. Still, his watchman, escaping from unjust punishment over Antigone's illegal execution of funeral rights, develops a sharply vindictive streak in his freedom: unctuous but venomous.

Ekkehard Schall is an outstanding Kreon, a short, fat, bullet-headed grey-beard who grows under threat into a fist-swiping dictator. He barks out his laws with the vehemence of a Fascist leader, although his throne dwarfs him like a baby. He starts out with the democratic benignity of a chief monk in his grey robes.

The five-strong chorus, kneeling in their patched gowns of red carpeting and turban-brimmed headgear, could be Kreon's quasi-religious followers. Their odes, sung in the style of an East European choir, are electrifyingly harsh and harmonious. Meanwhile, their visages, painted half-black, half-pale, invoke both court fools and skulls, a memento mori to which Kreon fails to pay heed.

Their two-facedness also reflects their split reactions concerning their king's antipathy to Antigone. However, herded about by him, they waddle stiffly like puppets, or infants, or obedient simpletons in an asylum. Kreon's tragic irony, in this acute reading, is that he himself finally breaks down in madness. With the deaths of his wife, son and once-future-daughter-in-law on his shoulders, he buckles under the weight of grief and culpability. His final speech gives way to wordless cries as he turns on the spot like a lost child. The white cloth he clasps for comfort winds round his ankles, a marriage veil or swaddling transforming into a shroud.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

DUMBSTRUCK. Elaine C. Smith and Forbes Masson in David Kane's exhilarating black farce, set in a boarding-house in 1960s Glasgow where all the tenants are stagestruck and hide creepy secrets. Michael Boyd directs the Tron Theatre company. **Lyric**, King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311). Previews tonight, 7.30pm; opens tomorrow, 7pm, until June 10 ◙

HARVEY First night of previews for Gordon Kaye and Rue (*Golden Girls*) McClanahan in a revival of the 1949 invisible Rabbit play, inevitably billed as a 24 carrot comedy. Back in London after a brief UK tour. Clifford Williams directs. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm, opens Thurs 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat 2.30pm. ◙

MARIA FRIEDMAN After her Olivier-winning 1994 triumph, Friedman returns by "Extra Special Arrangement" for another season of cabaret. Her new show, fully staged by Jeremy Sams, includes songs by Sondheim, Bernstein, Jacque Brel, Kurt Weill, Rodgers and Hart, Cole Porter ... you get the picture. **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Tonight, 7pm. Then Tue-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm, Sun, 4pm. Until June 10

ELSEWHERE

BUXTON Compass Theatre Company rarely fails to please and this season's touring programme combines *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with Buchner's nightmarish masterpiece *Woyzeck*: murder, madness, mayhem and the macabre. **Opera House**, Water Street (01298 72190). *Woyzeck* tonight and Wed, 7.30pm. *Midsummer* Thurs-Sat, 7.30pm; schools perf Fri, 1.30pm ◙

MOLD A coup for Clwyd: Julie Christie returns to the stage to play Kate, the object of fascination in Pinter's haunting, haunted **Old Times**. Lindy Davies directs, with Leigh Lawson and Carol Drinkwater in the cast. **Emlyn Williams**, Theatr Clwyd (01352 755114). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat (from May 27), 2.45pm. Until June 10 ◙

LIVERPOOL This week is the last stop on tour for **Steward of Christendom**: superb performance by Donal McCann as the last Catholic head of Dublin's police under British rule, raking over memories of public and family disappointment. Sebastian Barry's exceptionally moving play, directed by Max Stafford-Clark for Out of Joint. **Everyman**, Hope Street (0151-709 4776). Tonight-Sat, 8pm. ◙

WOKING: Christopher Gable and Gillian Lynne have taken the lives and work of the sisters Charlotte, Emily and Anne as the inspiration for Northern Ballet Theatre's **The Brontës**. A good story, indeed perhaps too many good stories packed into one evening, but still worth a visit for fans of the family's talents.
New Victoria, Peacocks Arts Centre (01483 761144). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm ◙

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Two Panels from the Ceiling of Henry III's Painted Chamber, Room 42 (0171-636 1555) . . **National Gallery**: Gombrich on Shadows (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: The Road from 1945 (0171-306 0055) . . **Royal Academy**: Odilon Redon (0171-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine**: Mark Wallinger (0171-402 6075) . . . **Tate**: Art Now new gallery space (0171-887 8000) . . **V&A**: Picturing Plants: A History of Botanical Illustration (0171-938 8500) . . **Whitechapel**: Guillermo Kuitca (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: Exhilaratin' song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

☐ **BURNING HABITS**: Camp and crazy mini-series from New York's East Village, in eight episodes over four evenings. Characters include a bisexual-lapsed-Catholic-vampire turned gay-vegetarian-Buddhist. Each episode said to be self-contained. Hard to forecast the quality.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (0171-637 8270). Episodes 1&2: Tonight-Sun, 7.30pm. Subsequent episodes in succeeding weeks, with mats on Sun, 4pm. All eight episodes play on June 17, from 2pm

☐ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI**: Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind. Philip Franks directs Greenwich Theatre's sell-out success.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **JACQUES BREL IS ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN PARIS**: Last year's Canal Cafe Theatre revival moves from Off-Fringe to Fringe. A celebration of the life and songs of the Belgian cabaret performer, who isn't actually alive at the moment.
King's Head, 119 Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Previews tonight and opens tomorrow, 8pm. Until June 4

☐ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE**: Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm. Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm

◙ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**: Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production from last year's Stratford. The outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Stella Gonet, Desmond Barrit, Barry Lynch.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm ◙

☐ **THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS**: O'Casey's tremendous tragi-comedy, in a justly acclaimed revival by Joe Dowling's all-Irish company.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5510). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

■ **SKYLIGHT**: Michael Gambon and Lia Williams play social riser and social worker attacking one another's values in David Hare's gripping, up-to-the-minute drama. Richard Eyre directs.
National, (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. ◙

■ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**: David Thacker's acclaimed production, with Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2pm, Sat and Sun, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . . ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . ◙ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . ☐ **In Praise of Love**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) . . ◙ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) . . ◙ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) . . ☐ **Mama I Want to Sing**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . ☐ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . ■ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . ◙ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (0171-369 1731) . . ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . ◙ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BOYS ON THE SIDE** (15): Unappealing women's picture with Whoopi Goldberg, Mary Louise Parker, Drew Barrymore. Herbert Ross directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◙ (0171-434 0031) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **BULLETS OVER BROADWAY** (15): Diverting Woody Allen comedy set in New York's theatre world of the 1920s. With John Cusack, Chazz Palminteri, Dianne Wiest.
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◆ **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** (15): Adventures of three Irish girls in the 1950s. Highly conventional, slightly charming, with Minnie Driver and Chris O'Donnell. Pat O'Connor directs, from Maeve Binchy's novel.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **FRESH** (18): Brooklyn boy tries to outwit the local drug lords. Energetic ghetto drama from new director Boaz Yakin. With Sean Nelson and Giancarlo Esposito.
Electric ◙ (0171-792 2020) **MGM Trocadero** ◙ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** ◙ (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332)

THE MAN BY THE SHORE: Piquant recollections of a child growing up in Papa Doc's Haiti. A striking film by Raoul Peck.
ICA ◙ (0171-930 3647)

SIN COMPASION (15): Stodgy retelling of *Crime and Punishment* from Peruvian director Francisco J Lombardi.
MGM Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

CURRENT

EXOTICA (18): Inventive variations on the theme of voyeurism from quirky Canadian director Atom Egoyan. With Bruce Greenwood, Mia Kirshner.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

◆ **I.D.** (18): Undercover cop becomes football hooligan. Simplistic, sometimes powerful British drama. Philip Davis directs Reece Dinsdale, Richard Graham and Claire Skinner.
MGM Fulham Road ◙ (0171-370 2636) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **LEGENDS OF THE FALL** (15): Bogus epic about a Montana family early in the century. With Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn and Anthony Hopkins. Edward Zwick (*thirtysomething*) directs.
Barbican ◙ (0171-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332)

LITTLE ODESSA (15): Crime and punishment among Brooklyn's Russian immigrants. Ambitious and atmospheric, with Tim Roth, Maximilian Schell and Vanessa Redgrave.
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◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

NOBODY'S FOOL (15): Endearing slice of small-town Americana, with Paul Newman, Melanie Griffith, Bruce Willis and Jessica Tandy.
Odeon Mezzanine ◙ (01426 915683)

◆ **OUTBREAK** (18): Taut virus thriller that is now timely but still turns silly. With Dustin Hoffman and Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman. Director, Wolfgang Petersen.
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The birth of his son turned Kenzaburo Oe from suicide, and eventually gave literature its latest Nobel laureate. Jason Cowley reports



PETER TREVNOR

What next for Kenzaburo Oe? A new form of writing designed to rouse today's young from their apathy

When the Nobel laureate Kenzaburo Oe was in his early twenties he thought constantly about killing himself. Although already a successful novelist and with a beautiful young wife, he felt that his life was without purpose and that his work was sterile, meaningless and stylistically conventional. In those dismal postwar years, Japan itself was still struggling to come to terms with its calamitous defeat, and Oe's restlessness seemed somehow mimetic of a wider social and moral malaise. Certainly, the mood among the country's established writers — an extraordinary number of whom did, in fact, kill themselves — was one of debilitating melancholy. The mood was tinged with a nostalgia for the lost certainties of the past, a pas in which the Emperor, the embodiment of an obstinately hierarchical society, was a quasi-divine figure unburdened by mortal concern. Oe describes the day that he hear Emperor Hirohito announce Japan's unconditional surrender as one othe most bewildering of his life.

> "The time has come for Japan to apologise to the peoples of Asia"

"Since the defeat", wrote the novelist Yasunari Kawabata in 1947, "I have one back into the sadness that has always been with us in Japan." Drowing in his sadness, Kawabata went o to produce a series of elegiac masterpieces, exquisite miniatures revolving around the themes of loss, the peishability of beauty and the irretrivability of the past. He died by his own hand in 1972.

Another suicide was Osamu Dazai who, in 1948, threw himself into a river shortly after publishing *The Setting Sun*, his marvellous study of an aristocratic family in decline. The much later, in 1970, Yukio Mishima spectacularly committed *seppuku* after failing in his preposterous attempt to lead a right-wing coup d'état. "Mishima's political, moral and aesthetic principles", Oe says, "grew out of his regret that the Emperor was not a deity but a human being." Oe says that he himself was saved from self-destruction when his son Hikari was born, in 1963, with a cerebral hernia, a lesion of the skull through which brain tissue bulged.

Oe is in Britain to lecture at the Brighton Festival and promote the first English translation of his early novel, *Nip the Buds, Shoot the Kids*. It was published shortly before Hikari's birth, a period about which he talks with a sense of shame. "When my son was born I didn't know what to do," he says. "Every day I went to the hospital expecting the doctor to tell me that, after a brave struggle for life, he had died. I looked at my son and was completely confused. I had lost all sense of identity."

Oe was told that if Hikari was to live an operation was required to close the cerebral hernia. The consequence would be that he would be left profoundly handicapped. Unable to face up to the responsibility of the decision, Oe fled to Hiroshima, where he discussed Hikari's plight with a young doctor who had treated survivors of the atomic blast. It was the defining moment of his life: "I knew then that I had to accept responsibility, and help my son to live," Oe says.

The operation was a success, and Hikari still lives with his parents in Tokyo. He seldom speaks, suffers from fits and seizures and yet, remarkably, is a talented composer, whose first recording has won prizes.

Oe has written about his relationship with Hikari, most memorably in *A Personal Matter*, in which a young teacher dreams of murdering his deformed baby boy: "There are only two honest alternatives to this fleeing from my monster of a baby: strangle him with my own hands, or take responsibility for bringing him up." In the book, as in life, the speaker chose the second option.

Oe's English is slow and hesitant but fabulously precise. His thick, silver-black hair stands up in alarmed tufts. He has a mournful face which intermittently folds into a brilliant smile. When he laughs — which is often — his huge ears curl and flap, like a bat's. He is charming, courteous and serene.

But, for one who appears so still, he is remarkably full of anger. Born on the densely forested island of Shikoku in 1935, Oe has appalled many of his compatriots by saying that his Japanese identity is "something of only relative importance". Shortly after winning the Nobel Prize last year, he provoked further antipathy by declining the Order of Merit — an award bestowed by the Emperor — because it was undemocratic. "Even today the Emperor is at the centre of Japan, and I was reluctant to accept a medal from the head of a system of which I don't approve."

His work, although not explicitly political, is dark, elliptical and austere. A keen student of European literature, Oe shuns the traditional limpid purity of Japanese prose, preferring long, experimental sentences. His novels are quite unlike those of any other Japanese writer. He seems unusually attached to the obscene, the bizarre and the obscure. Even the accessible *Nip the Buds*, which describes the struggles of a group of reformatory boys who find themselves isolated in a plague-stricken village as war rages around them, owes more to Camus, Céline or Dostoevsky than, say, Kawabata.

Oe feels that winning the Nobel Prize has provided him with a platform from which to condemn the inequities and absurdities of Japan's imperial legacy and what he calls the Emperor-system. "I think, if Japan is to become truly democratic, that the time has come for the country to apologise to the peoples of Asia for the destruction we visited upon them in wars of aggression."

When asked about the role of the writer in contemporary Japan, he sighs despondently. The young, he says, are not interested in literature or political engagement: their lives are ostentatiously empty. To this end, he plans to write no more fiction until he has evolved a new style, a new form — "an amalgam of the novel, poem and play" — which will also be accessible for children. "You have to catch them young if you want to create a new generation of readers."

● *Nip the Buds, Shoot the Kids is published by Marion Boyars (£14.95)*

OPERA: Sensational Wagner; lively Britten

Denmark's secret treasure house

Tannhäuser
Royal Theatre, Copenhagen

"ONE of the best-kept secrets in Europe" is how Elaine Padmore describes the Royal Theatre, which houses opera, ballet and drama in Copenhagen. She means both the building itself, and the opera company of which she became director two years ago.

It was one of the last repertory-ensemble companies in Western Europe, singing mainly in Danish. Part of Padmore's brief has been to enhance the company's reputation via original-language performances and a tactful injection of guest singers, balanced by the export of house artists too little known outside their native land. Their tour to London and Paris in August should form a vital part of this process.

This new *Tannhäuser* proved one of the hottest tickets of the Copenhagen season. There was only one guest on stage, the fruity American mezzo Catherine Keen as Venus, and the fact that the rest of the cast was home-grown is fair indication of this company's vocal strength.

Stig Fogh Andersen, who sang the title role, was simply sensational. He has a beautifully bronzed tenor voice, is intensely musical, and uttered not an ungainly or strident sound the whole evening. He is also young, handsome and a very fine actor, and will make his Covent Garden debut in *Mathis der Maler* next season.

Tina Kiberg was scarcely less impressive as Elisabeth. Again, the voice is sumptuous and she is a natural (and glamorous) creature of the stage; she was let down only by cloudy diction. Most of the remaining roles were more than capably sung by house artists.

Dietfried Bernet, whose *Pearl Fishers* in Leeds last month was so thrilling, has certainly earned his appointment as chief guest conductor in Copenhagen with this account of a notoriously tricky score. The Royal Danish Orchestra was on attentive form, and the chorus was superb.

The production was by Francesca Zambello, currently in London for *Billy Budd* at Covent Garden. Strong narrative line, absence of fuss, purposeful *Personenregie* — these seem to be as much Zambello's trademarks as her generally sunny optimism. This staging enjoyed an upbeat ending, with Tannhäuser and Elisabeth lying dead in cosy conjugal embrace while the chorus and a horde of children all dressed in white did "happy acting" in a blaze of light. Take *that*, Richard Wagner.

RODNEY MILNES

Torrent of praise

Noye's Fludde
Freemasons' Hall

NORMALLY I am stonily impervious to the charms of cute little children dressed as fluffy animals and squeaking en masse. But the National Youth Music Theatre's production of Britten's *Noye's Fludde*, revived at the BOC Covent Garden Festival by Syd Ralph, is so splendid in its crowd effects, so smartly organised and well sung, that even the ranks of critics can scarce forbear to cheer.

If *Noye's Fludde* were not such a superbly crafted score, Britten's treatment of the Chester Miracle Play would probably be insufferable. The women are characterised as untrustworthy soaks, God is deemed worthy of awe even after He has engaged in mass genocide to "purify" His creations (how Hitler would have approved!), and the rich interpretative possibility of the Flood myth is limited by the milky-mild Sunday-school tone.

And yet, given a decent production and singing, such nonsenses are simply rendered irrelevant. Britten's brilliantly naive score still has the power to lure us back into a world of childhood simplicities. And he would have loved this production, because it fulfils every hope that he had for the work: the artistic quality is high, yet the community input is strong.

Dozens of children and amateur musicians have been recruited from local schools and associations. They perform with immense vigour alongside such seasoned performers as Denis Quilley as the Voice of God (perched on a cloud somewhere above the massed ranks of orchestra), Stephen Varcoe as the stoic Noye and Mary King as the sozzled Mrs Noye.

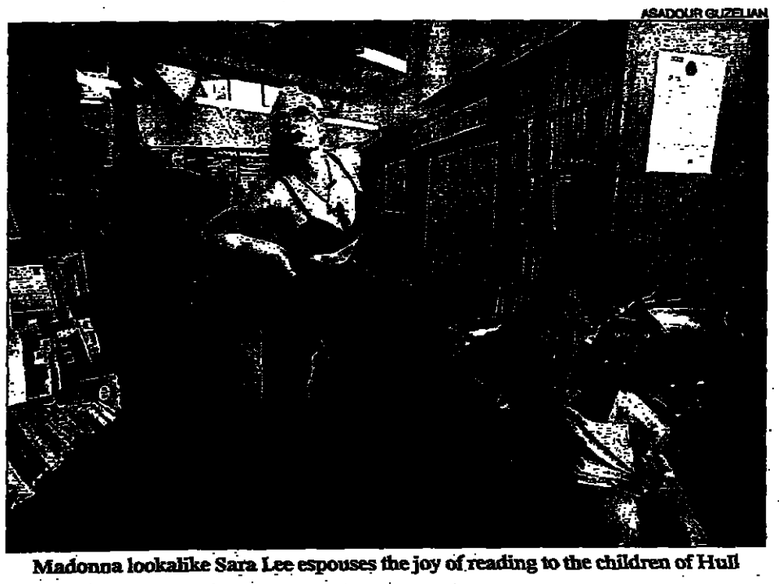
Ralph also gives Mrs Noye's Gossips a saucy, nubile-young-thing twist, introduces a few thugs to rough up Noye at the beginning, and brings the flood to its climax with a magnificent swish of a gigantic rainbow curtain. But it is the quality of the singing from the NYMT trebles who play Noye's sons and their wives, and the alert orchestral playing led by Chetham's School pupils, that really carry the show. Peter Crockford is the unflappable conductor.

RICHARD MORRISON

Hip teenagers are often to be found in the public library, **Simon Tait** says. And some of them even take a book out

Libraries – cool or what?

ASADOUR GUZELIAN



Madonna lookalike Sara Lee espouses the joy of reading to the children of Hull

A year ago came the Carnegie Crunch. The hitherto genial and unexceptionable children's fiction prize — the Carnegie Medal had previously been won by Arthur Ransome, Eric Liklater and Walter de la Mare — went to Robert Swindells for *Stone Cold*, a book about homeless children abused by adults and forced to sleep rough in London, where they are stalked by a serial killer.

"We are voting to take away children's innocence," said a distraught Mary Elliott, one of the librarians who judged the competition. She said she did not know how she was going to break it to her colleagues back in East Anglia and added: "We are making children the victims. We're not giving them permission to escape from some of the disturbing realities of life before they are ready for them, and we're trapping them in their misery."

Judging for the 1994 Carnegie Medal is about to start, and Elliott's misery is likely to be unrelieved. The dominating motifs on this year's shortlist are again teenage murder, homelessness, abandonment and bereavement.

But this week is Library Power Week, the Library Association's latest attempt to attract more children into public libraries. It began yesterday with a rally at the House of Commons, and continues through the week.

As with all such campaigns, the air around it is stiff with statistics, and more will come soon, with the Government's National Libraries Review. Another Carnegie judge last year complained that there seemed to be a disproportionate amount of teenage fiction in this children's book competition, but the review is expected to confirm the surprising discovery that by far the biggest library user group comprises 16 and 17-year-olds. They are using libraries an average of 20 times a year. Another survey, in Birmingham, found that nearly 25 per cent of 16 to 18-year-olds go more than once a week.

This is nothing new. Librarians have been targeting teenagers for a decade or so, since the Glasgow overflow town of Johnstone established the Johnstone Information and Leisure Library (Jill, also known as the Teenagers' Library), to give the 80 per cent unemployed among them somewhere to go.

Bradford Central Library has set up a separate room for teenagers. The heaviest users are Asian boys, but more girls are going "now they've found out where the lads hang out", according to the library's report.

Cheshire libraries have increased teenage borrowings by 50 per cent since they recruited a group of 12 to 18-year-olds from Runcorn to write, perform and produce a provocative video called *Murphy Say Something*, which tours schools. In Glasgow the Yoker Youth Library is known as the Club, sounds like a disco and looks like a Virgin Mega Café, and is exclusively for 12 to 25-year-olds. In Hertfordshire two mobile teenagers' libraries tour outlying districts. "What we want to do with Library Power is to bring young people to books," says Ross Shimmon, chief executive of the Library Association. "Young people generally have a poor image of libraries."

Evidently not poor enough to put them off going in, but what are teenagers using libraries for? Not, it seems, mainly to borrow books. Humberside, which marked the beginning of Library Power Week with a Madonna lookalike competition in an attempt to grab the interest of teenagers, has come to terms with teenagers' principal concerns and has installed a viewdata information centre — to give youngsters information on everything from how to get a student grant to which nightclub to visit.

Johnstone's membership — 4,000 when it was set up — has dwindled to 1,200 with the fall in unemployment. In 1993 a quarter of the items borrowed were books; the rest were predominantly computer games and music albums. In 1994, though, books showed they were making a comeback: they accounted for a third of the issued items, and membership is rising again.

What they want in their books, says Christine Storry of Jill, is non-fiction. "If there was a new biography of a Celtic footballer I'd have queues round the block and I wouldn't be able to give away a Terry Pratchett," she says. They want books about computers, crime, films and television, and there is a demand developing for sheet music.

Trish Botten, head of children's services in West Sussex, did her own survey in Lancing public library. She found teenagers use it for studying more than anything else: "The best things in the library, they said, were study space first, then music resources, literature, a helpful librarian, computers and magazines. The best books, they said, were adult fiction — authors like Stephen King." She found that the most popular children's fiction book is Judy Blume's *For Ever*, a tale of first sex.

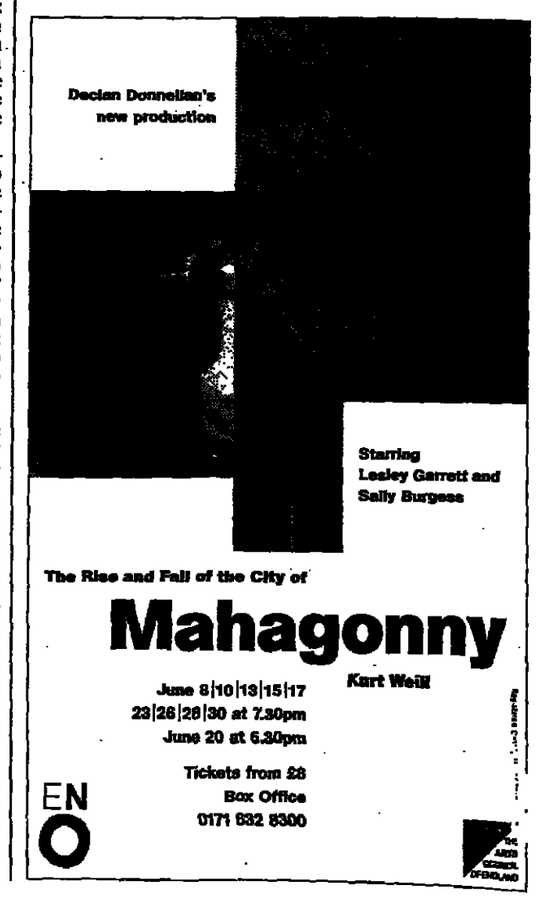
But they are using the reference library more and more, simply for information — first on careers, then on sex and relationships, then on personal problems, then on Aids and drug abuse, then on health. In the library they use the photocopier most, then the study facilities, then reference books.

A growing number of libraries are also offering video cassettes. Those that do not are generally following local authority policy rather than the librarians'. The National Libraries Review is expected to suggest "hyper-libraries" which offer a much wider range of facilities likely to appeal more to — although not specifically for — teenagers, so that a video section is likely to become commonplace.

"Why not?" Botten says. "They're under such pressure of school work that you can't blame them for wanting to relax in front of a video."

Mel Gibson, a Northumberland librarian, thinks libraries should also give a home to garish and often explicit graphic novels, such as Judge Dredd. "They are hugely contentious, largely because of worries about sex and violence, but they have an extraordinary pull with teenage boys. We've got to take account of that."

But that, for Botten, is where the line should be drawn. "Libraries do have to have a sense of responsibility about what they put in front of teenagers," she says. "We won't be having graphic novels."



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A question of quality

An 'excellent' rating can make a department's fortune; an 'unsatisfactory' can break it, says **John O'Leary**

Quality is the big issue in higher education today. Is more beginning to mean worse, as the effects of relentless expansion are felt? And how should university teaching be assessed and the results passed on to the public?

The introduction of published ratings over the past four years was intended to answer such questions, reassuring potential students and leaving the public better informed. Instead, it has fuelled the arguments and split the university world.

In place of what one higher education minister described as the "secret garden of academe", a system has evolved in which university departments almost literally live or die by their ratings. They are used to allocate vital research funds, and universities recognise that they will become increasingly influential in attracting students, especially in the lucrative overseas market.

So sensitive has the issue of quality become that in a recent speech to vice-chancellors, Tim Boswell, the Higher Education Minister, felt it necessary to issue a stern denial of newspaper claims that teaching assessments had shown standards slipping. The funding councils, which are responsible for the reports, have missed no opportunity to assure all concerned that British higher education is as good as ever.

The evidence of more than 1,000 teaching assessments leaves little room for argument. Only six departments in England have been rated unsatisfactory, and more than a third of those inspected have been placed in the top category of excellent. Yet the reports show that on many campuses, lectures are becoming more crowded, library and information technology facilities are under strain, and relations between students and academic staff are more distant. Few academics would claim that the higher education experience is as rich as it was.

The root of the confusion lies in the compromise that sold quality assessment to the universities. Not only are two bodies involved in monitoring the quality of higher education, but the system used to rate departments is flawed. In England and Wales, no distinction has been made between departments on the verge of excellence and those narrowly avoiding failure, and the resulting mass of "satisfactory" verdicts includes many universities that have not been inspected at all.

Early warnings by vice-chancellors such as Dr Clive Booth, of Oxford Brookes University, that "satisfactory" would come to mean the opposite, have been borne out, and the system is now changing. Scotland had already introduced a fourth category, and English universities will now be assessed on six different counts, including the standard of teaching, student achievement and curriculum content. Every department will be inspected on a six-year cycle.

Professor Graeme Davies, the chief executive of the English funding council, is confident not only that the new system will be an improvement, but that the whole process has secured a better deal for students. "I am convinced it has changed the perception of the importance of teaching in universities. Every institution now has a teaching committee, and more academics are being promoted because they are good teachers."

Professor Davies believes that improvements in the standard of teaching and the organisation of courses, aided by more imaginative use of new technology, have enabled universities to withstand the pressures they have faced from a 30 per cent worsening of staffing levels in the last four years. Although drop-out rates have increased, examination success is undiminished.

When the vice-chancellors and the funding council have settled their differences about who should run the single organisation responsible for monitoring the quality of higher education, the new system should begin to show whether the improvements are real or illusory.

It is likely that separate "audits" of quality assurance procedures will be retained under the new regime, producing reports on each university that are available to the public. The verdicts are invaluable to the universities themselves, but are of little assistance to the prospective student.

Unpopular though they are with many academics, the existing teaching assessments are more comprehensible.



Edinburgh University, excellent for chemistry, geology, physics, electrical engineering and maths

THE LINE-UP: SUBJECT BY SUBJECT

Subject	Rprts publ	Excellent	Sat	Unsat
CHEMISTRY	40	12	28	0
HISTORY	41	17	24	0
LAW	36	19	16	1
MECH ENG	41	9	31	1
ARCHITECTURE	20	9	11	0
APPLIED SOCIAL WORK	33	14	18	1
BUS & MANAGEMENT	44	18	25	1
COMPUTER STUDIES	40	10	28	2
ENGLISH	15	13	2	0
MUSIC	2	2	0	0
SOCIAL POLICY	3	3	0	0
GEOGRAPHY	8	6	2	0
GEOLOGY	2	2	0	0
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES	1	0	1	0
TOTALS (England only)	326	134	186	6

Excellent teaching traditions

There is more to learning than lectures, says **John O'Leary**

THE teaching ratings were going to be where the former polytechnics and colleges came into their own. Even many academics in the old universities conceded that the emphasis on research meant that their lecturing skills were often weak.

In the event, however, the traditional universities have tended to win most of the "excellent" ratings, and the few departments considered unsatisfactory have been in new universities or colleges. The three funding councils, which are responsible for the assessments, attribute the imbalance partly to the fact that they started with conventional academic subjects. They expect the universities to even out as the system progresses.

The assessors take into account the whole learning environment, rather than just the lecturing. The old universities, historically better resourced, are bound to have a head start with bigger libraries, more study space and more expensively equipped laboratories.

The listing of top-rated departments published on this page represents a snapshot of reports issued to date. Some universities will have been notified of an "excellent" assessment after an inspection, but will not be included because the funding council is yet to release their reports. Among English universities, therefore, absence from the lists for English, music, social policy, geography, geology or environmental studies does not necessarily mean that a department is less than excellent.

Once the current backlog of reports is cleared, English and Northern Irish departments will be assessed on the new four-point scale. Reports are published in batches every few weeks, followed by a résumé of the subject when all departments have been assessed. Overviews of chemistry, history, law, mechanical engineering, architecture, applied social work, business and management, and computer studies are available from the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

The Welsh Funding Council, which waits until all assessments in a subject are complete before publishing any reports, will publish a new round of ratings next month. For the moment at least, its grading system will remain unchanged.

In Scotland, too, the existing four categories will remain in use. The latest reports, covering business and management, and music, were published only yesterday. Architecture, building and surveying, and teacher education will follow next month.

For Scottish universities, the existence of the extra category of "highly satisfactory" makes an "excellent" rating especially prized. Before yesterday's publications, 42 departments had been rated highly satisfactory, compared with 29 excellent and 30 satisfactory. Only two had been considered unsatisfactory: computing at Dundee and civil engineering at Glasgow Caledonian.

In England, unsatisfactory ratings are equally rare. Only Derby University has had more than one, and its law degree has since been given a clean bill of health.

Derby's second unsatisfactory rating was for computing, where the assessors found that classes "sometimes lacked academic rigour and challenge for the students". Although lecturers prepared well, the report added: "The presentation of material was often pedestrian in nature, with students not taking opportunities to contribute."

Attendance was poor at times, academic demands in examination papers and assessments uneven, and both library and computing facilities in need of improvement. The team found that "staff qualifications and experience do not entirely match the curricular requirements of courses."

By contrast, the assessors who awarded Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, an "excellent" rating for geography, noted the high quality of facilities, good relations between students and staff, flexible curriculum and high quality of teaching.

☐ Reports on English universities are available from the Quality Assessment Division, Higher Education Funding Council for England, Northavon House, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol BS16 1QD.

☐ In Scotland, reports are published by the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council, Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. Complete sets of reports are available for £18 a subject.

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BRITAIN'S TOP-RATED TEACHING DEPARTMENTS

Teaching assessments: departments officially rated as "excellent"

CHEMISTRY
Nottingham Trent
Southampton
Cambridge
Hull
Oxford
Imperial College, London
Nottingham
Leeds
Bristol
Durham
Manchester
Leicester
Bangor
Cardiff
Edinburgh
Glasgow
Glasgow Caledonian
Robert Gordon, Aberdeen
St Andrews
Strathclyde

HISTORY
(England and Wales only)
Leicester
Birmingham
Liverpool
LSE
Cambridge
Sheffield
Lancaster
Warburg Institute, London
Warwick
Hull
UCL
Durham
Canterbury Christ Church College
Royal Holloway, London
Oxford
York
King's College London
Swansea

LAW
(England only)
King's College London
Essex
West of England, Bristol
Cambridge
University College London
Liverpool
Bristol
Northumbria at Newcastle
Manchester
Sheffield
Durham
Leicester
Nottingham
Oxford Brookes
LSE
Warwick
East Anglia
School of Oriental & African Studies, London
Oxford

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Coventry
Manchester Metropolitan
Nottingham
Bath
Bristol
Cranfield
Manchester
Reading
Sheffield
Cardiff
Strathclyde

ARCHITECTURE
(England and Wales only)
Bath
York
Newcastle
Greenwich
Cambridge
University College, London
East London
Nottingham
Sheffield
Cardiff

APPLIED SOCIAL WORK
(England only)
East Anglia
Hull
Lancaster
Bristol
Sheffield
Anglia
Durham
West London Institute of HE
Keele
Huddersfield
Bradford & Ikley College
Oxford
London School of Economics
Southampton

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES
City
Cranfield
Northumbria at Newcastle
Imperial College, London
Kingston
Warwick
Lancaster
De Montfort
Open University
Manchester
London School of Economics
Bath
West of England, Bristol
UMIST
Surrey
Nottingham Trent
Nottingham
Glamorgan
Strathclyde

COMPUTER STUDIES
York
Teesside
Exeter
Kent
Warwick
Cambridge
Imperial College, London
Manchester
Oxford
Southampton
Swansea
Edinburgh
Glasgow

ENGLISH
(England and Wales only)
Bath College of HE
East London
Leicester
Liverpool
Queen Mary & Westfield College, London
Sussex
West of England
York
Durham
University College London
Sheffield Hallam
Warwick
Nottingham
Leicester
Sussex
Aberystwyth

MUSIC
City
Manchester
Bangor
Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama

SOCIAL POLICY & ANTHROPOLOGY
(England only)
York
Bath
Manchester

GEOGRAPHY
Kings' College, London
Southampton
Open University
Plymouth
Reading
Queen Mary & Westfield College, London
Swansea
Aberdeen
Glasgow
St Andrews
Strathclyde

GEOLOGY
(England and Scotland only)
Plymouth
Liverpool
Edinburgh
Glasgow

WELSH
(Wales only)
Bangor

PHYSICS
(Scotland only)
Edinburgh
Glasgow
St Andrews
Strathclyde

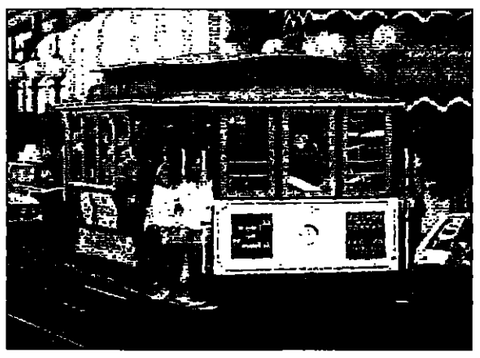
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St Andrews
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Heriot-Watt
Strathclyde

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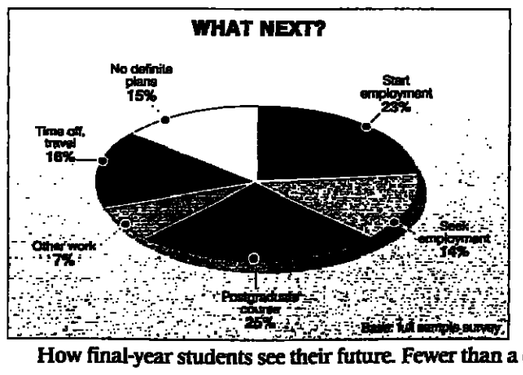
Judges will be Brian MacArthur, *The Times* Executive Features Editor, and representatives from Coca-Cola and STA. They will look for strikingly original entries. Ten runners-up will each receive a travel kit.



School, university, job? Think again

Milk round, finals, career — few undergraduates now make such silken progress. The advent of a mass higher education system and the changing shape of the jobs market have transformed the last days of university life and the quest for work.

The majority of final-year students do not even expect to start a career after finishing their degree. Instead, their preferred alternatives are postgraduate study, time-off or travel, and stopgap or voluntary work before they think about something permanent.



How final-year students see their future. Fewer than a quarter of them expect to go straight into employment

JEZ COULSON



The minds of a generation of students have been moulded by the collapse of the graduate jobs market in the 1990s. Record numbers of young people grasped the opportunities offered by the unprecedented expansion of university places over the last decade, only to find they evaporated on graduation. As a result, students now look beyond the traditional career — and for new ways on to the ladder — to fulfil their ambitions.

These changing motivations and aspirations are underlined by the UK Graduate Careers Survey, based on interviews with more than 7,000 final-year students at 15 leading universities, published last week. The report showed that only one third of them expected to start work with a graduate employer after finishing their course, or to continue to look for a job. In contrast, a quarter expected to take a postgraduate course and another 16 per cent planned to go abroad.

Of final-year students actively looking for a full-time job, the report showed that the average time spent researching possible careers, meeting employers and making applications was just 34 hours. Martin Birchall, who coordinated the survey for High Fliers Research, questioned the priority given to job-hunting compared with the 2,700 hours of study needed for a typical three-year honours degree. He said: "Final-year students seem more concerned about their academic work than meeting visiting employers or applying for jobs. Completing their next essay or project assignement was often seen as a much more pressing goal and few students felt there was any real urgency about finding a job."

Yet other experts regard this concentration on academic study as pragmatic. With many vacancies attracting record applications — not least as a backlog of graduates from previous recession-bound years joins the competition — so more students are looking to postgraduate courses.

A quiet revolution has ensured that the postgraduate's lot is no longer a solitary one. Postgraduate degrees, further certificates, Master's, PhDs, and diploma courses have never been so popular. Britain's postgraduate population now exceeds 200,000.

But now there are clear signs that the calculation taken by hard-headed students about the value of a postgraduate courses is becoming more straightforward. Recent statistics from the Association of Graduate Recruiters (AGR) show that those starting work with a Master's degree command an average salary £10 higher than that of graduates going straight into a job. Postgraduates also enjoy much lower levels of unemployment than those with first degrees alone. In the last year for which statistics are available, the differential was almost 5 per cent.

Yet Roly Cockman, executive secretary of the Association of Graduate Recruiters, is disappointed that many undergraduates still fail to take the one obvious step that employers regard as essential. The Careers Survey found that one quarter of students had not gained any work experience while at university.

"The skill most commonly sought by our members in their new recruits," he said, is business awareness. The best way to acquire this skill is by some form of work experience."

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Oxford offers academic excellence, stunning architecture and sporting prowess — but which college?

The Oxbridge lottery

James Mackintosh reports on what to look for when making your choice of college at Cambridge or Oxford

The *Brideshead Revisited* image of Oxford and Cambridge has been brought up to date this month with a flood of newspaper stories about the daughter of an RAF officer leaping naked off Magdalen Bridge in Oxford to celebrate May Day, and subsequently posing for Page Three of *The Sun*.

But the media image of Oxford and Cambridge is only half right. While there are undergraduates staggering from champagne receptions to exclusive parties dressed in penguin suits, most students are hard-working high-achievers.

Still, only half those admitted to Cambridge come from state schools, while Oxford lags slightly behind that at 43 per cent.

Both universities are collegiate, and each of the colleges has a very different character, so the choice of college can be as crucial as the choice of university elsewhere. Each college controls its own admissions procedures, provides housing and food for its students and, for most undergraduates, is the centre of their social life. Colleges must be assessed for a wide variety of factors: academic success, sporting prowess and the social scene. How (relatively) easy it is to get in is also important to most applicants, and tables listing numbers of applicants for each place are contained in the prospectuses.

Cambridge has kept three women-only colleges — New Hall, Newnham and Lucy Cavendish — while Oxford has only one remaining — St Hilda's. Neither university has any male-only colleges, although most colleges are heavily male-dominated. At both Oxford and Cambridge teaching is mostly centralised for the sciences after the first year, and college involvement at Cambridge is minimal because college-provided supervisions are much less important than university-provided teaching. Oxford's tutorials, given by college tutors, continue to dominate the undergraduate's academic life.

The most academically successful colleges are also the oldest and richest: Merton, St John's and Magdalen came top of Oxford's academic league table last year, with 10 per cent of Merton students getting a first, double Oxford's average. At Cambridge, St John's, King's and Queens', three of the oldest colleges, have consistently good results and are considered to have an "academic" atmosphere.

Critics of league tables claim that these colleges top the league only because, with their fantastic architecture and rich histories, they attract the best applicants. Whether or not this is a good argument, it is important to check which subjects a college specialises in — for example, Cambridge's Gonville and Caius is well known for its medicine while Oxford's Balliol has a good reputation for PPE.

"Sporty" colleges vary widely, although there are some that consistently perform well. Oriel, Oxford, and Trinity and Downing, both Cambridge, are best known for their rowing, while top of the football league last term were Jesus College, Oxford, and Fitzwilliam, Cambridge. By far the best rugby team of any college at either university is at Keble, Oxford, but Cambridge's Downing is also considered to be in the running.

Cricket at Cambridge is still dominated by Trinity, the Alma Mater of England's John Crawley, while Oxford is in the odd position of having five members of the Blues team based at Keble, while Brasenose leads the inter-college league.

Both city centres are dominated by the stunning college architecture. Magdalen College provided the Oxford base for the filming of *Shadowlands* and Christ Church in Oxford will be familiar to every viewer of *Inspector Morse*, but Cambridge's King's College, with its famous chapel, and Trinity College have the same medieval splendour.

Oxford's St Catherine's, built from concrete and glass in 1963, is the city's only Grade I listed building, and inspires strong passions in those living there — everyone else seems to hate it. Cambridge's postwar buildings seem to be universally detested by the students, from the 1960 disaster of Churchill College to Cambridge's newest college, Robinson, founded only in 1979. Students living in modern blocks often mention the benefits of central heating.

Emmanuel, Cambridge, has the oldest outdoor swimming pool in Britain and attracts students who want to spend their summer evenings drinking cocktails by the pool. The sporty colleges tend to be dominated by "boaties" and "rugger buggers", making Friday evenings in the bar at Downing, Magdalene and Oxford's Oriel fairly boisterous.

As with all generalisations, these should be taken with a pinch of salt, but in a college where there are only a few hundred other students it is important to find soulmates. To make sure you are not making a horrible mistake, go to an open day and talk to students who are at the college. If you cannot make it to an open day, get the students' views by reading the alternative prospectus.

The last factor to consider, depressing though it is, must be money. Almost all Cambridge colleges provide housing for all their undergraduates, while few Oxford colleges do — although new buildings are springing up all the time.

TOMORROW

The most popular universities . . . and why.

PLUS: the changing face of higher education.

Change in the offing

Oxford is taking a fresh look at the way it works

THE ancient traditions and all-round excellence of Oxford and Cambridge have attracted the best minds of each generation for hundreds of years. But even these temples of learning are not immune to change.

Oxford, in particular, is on the brink of far-reaching decisions. Dr Peter North, the Vice-Chancellor, is chairing a commission of inquiry that is re-examining fundamental relationships between the colleges and the university, and the dons and the students. Not since Lord Franks reported 30 years ago has there been such expectation of reform.

The pressure for change has been building up on a number of fronts. Already this year, two new colleges have been admitted, a new promotions system adopted for dons, and rent increases of up to 30 per cent imposed in a number of colleges. Some college junior common rooms have embarked on rent strikes.

But the real upheaval, aimed at keeping Oxford among the world's leading universities at a time when some have seen its status under threat, is yet to come. Even such sacred cows as the college system and individual tutorials are under review, although it will be surprising if either is jettisoned.

The "framework document" which launched the public phase of the inquiry at the start of the year made it clear that the university meant business. On Oxford's unusually open system of government, for example, it said: "Proposals for change must not lose sight of the best features of the current participative system, but radical steps may nonetheless need to be taken."

Among the most controversial possibilities raised is the levying of "additional" fees to meet the looming funding gap appearing in many colleges. So far, both Oxford and Cambridge have resisted the temptation to charge students for tuition, because neither wants to place further obstacles in the way of less affluent students.

JOHN O'LEARY

How to get a place

GETTING into Oxford or Cambridge is never easy, but your chances of success do vary considerably according to the subject you choose. It is worth taking a close look at the admissions statistics before making your application, *John O'Leary writes*.

Both universities have far fewer applicants than one might expect, because so many sixth-formers assume they have no chance of success. Last year was typical, with applicants' chances better than one in four.

In a few subjects, however, the chances were very much better than that. Seven out of ten students applying to read classics got into Oxford, for example, and more than six out of ten did the same at Cambridge. Only metallurgy and earth sciences at Oxford had a higher success rate.

Obviously, it is too late to try for theology once you have embarked on science A levels but some variations are worth bearing in mind. Mathematicians, for example, stand less chance of winning a place, especially at Cambridge, if they combine their subject with computer studies than if they take single honours.

The statistics show that the level of competition for places in most subjects is similar at both universities, but there are exceptions. Last year in Oriental Studies, for instance, almost half the applicants were accepted at Oxford, compared with a third at Cambridge.

In most subjects, the ratio of applicants to places changes little from year to year. A small field of candidates does not necessarily mean a low offer; competition is fierce in all subjects. But when every grade counts, the differences are worth taking into account.

OXFORD

Number of Applications and Acceptances by Faculty

	Applications 1993	Acceptances 1993	% Places to Applications 1993
Arts			
Ancient and Modern History	39	19	48.7
Archaeology and Anthropology	57	20	35.1
Classics	191	134	70.2
Classics and English	13	7	53.9
Classics and Modern Languages	20	13	65.0
Economics and Management	289	22	7.6
English	998	288	28.9
English and Modern Languages	86	24	27.9
Fine Art	166	22	13.3
Geography	290	109	37.6
Law	965	266	27.9
Law with Law Studies in Europe	222	20	9.0
Mathematics and Philosophy	58	22	37.9
Modern History	759	276	36.4
Modern History and Economics	33	10	30.3
Modern History and English	80	15	18.7
Modern History and Modern Languages	71	31	43.7
Modern Languages	437	208	47.6
Music	110	54	49.1
Oriental Studies	97	45	46.4
Philosophy and Modern Languages	59	20	37.7
Philosophy and Theology	71	27	38.0
Physics and Philosophy	50	18	36.0
PPE	912	299	32.8
Theology	66	44	84.7
Sciences			
Biochemistry	127	86	67.7
Biological Sciences	191	97	50.7
Chemistry	282	185	65.6
Computation	31	13	41.9
Earth Sciences (Geology)	45	35	77.8
Engineering Science	324	123	38.0
Engineering and Computer Science	60	25	41.7
Engineering Economics and Management	109	28	28.4
Engineering and Materials	13	8	61.5
Experimental Psychology	145	53	36.6
Human Sciences	102	39	38.2
Mathematics	451	207	45.9
Mathematics and Computation	73	34	46.6
Medicine	639	97	15.2
Metallurgy and MEM	34	29	85.3
Physics	454	169	37.2
Physiological Sciences	26	13	50.0
PPP	152	42	27.6
TOTAL	9,390	3,276	34.9

CAMBRIDGE

1994 Men and Women *Number and percentage of applications and acceptances by subject*

	Applications No.	Acceptances No.	% place to applications
Arts			
Anglo-Saxon	45	19	42.2
Archaeology and Anthropology	142	58	40.8
Architecture	235	38	16.2
Classics	118	76	64.4
English	770	192	24.9
Geography	235	92	39.1
History	567	197	34.7
Modern and Medieval Languages	648	207	31.9
Music	175	61	34.9
Oriental Studies	102	34	33.3
Philosophy	149	37	24.8
Theology and Religious Studies	82	32	39.0
Social Sciences			
Economics	715	171	23.9
Land Economy	77	26	33.8
Law	1,020	213	20.9
Social and Political Sciences	351	98	25.7
Science and Technology			
Computer Science	217	63	29.0
Mathematics	500	224	44.8
Mathematics with Computer Science	97	29	29.9
Natural Sciences	1,525	594	38.9
Engineering	1,037	318	30.7
Medical Sciences	1,027	256	24.9
Veterinary Medicine	444	60	13.5
TOTAL	10,309	3,095	30.0

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Frances Gibb meets Eileen Pembridge, Law Society presidential candidate

A feminist fights her corner


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Eileen Pembridge with daughter Alice: "The society council is very male-dominated"

Eileen Pembridge has no regrets over her role in precipitating the furore at the Law Society in the past few weeks. The revelation about sexual harassment within the society's higher echelons was "an accident waiting to happen", she says. But the episode has become inextricably linked with Ms Pembridge's own stand to become first woman president of the solicitor profession. Within days of her accusing the society of lack of action over sexual harassment, the man involved, John Young, deputy president, was forced to withdraw from the presidential elections.

Ms Pembridge, 51, found herself denounced by another rival, Martin Mears, for washing the society's dirty linen in public. She received angry letters, and feels the issue was sidelined by the society's description of the incidents as "minor and arguably inappropriate".

Subsequent events have, she believes, vindicated her: the society has set in train a review of sexual harassment procedures; and Ms Pembridge has had many women come forward to tell their own stories. "I still think I was absolutely right," she says. "Of course, the way in which it came out was unfortunate for all concerned, especially for John Young [who does not hold her responsible]. It was something I had to make a stand about — the fact that this was known within the society for years."

> 'I am not concerned with politics — more with fairness, being true to myself'

She is strongly critical that society members took the view that Mr Young, despite a warning two years before, could still be president. "I have been struck by the number of people who knew about this problem but thought it was his turn. That became more important than the good of the profession. If you get too close to an organisation, you lose sight of what is right for it. Friendships get in the way. It has been hurtful to get the sticks and brickbats, but it seemed to me important to challenge John Young."

It is typical of the moral strength for which Ms Pembridge is known. An ardent feminist, she feels the time is ripe for a woman in the driving seat. After five years on the council as one of only eight women members, she says she knows how the machine works but does not carry the "baggage" of needing to toe the line and to keep in with the "inner coterie". "I believe I have the good of the profession at heart, and I have been here long enough not to be taken advantage of."

A few council diehards have found Ms Pembridge hard to take. There was wide opposition to her wish to have a designated seat for women solicitors. But she has won admiration for her dealings on legal aid and family law, and for her approach, which usually involves humour. "The council is very male-dominated; I am constantly taken aback that they think this is normal. I say: 'Wait until we have 30 per cent women or more. Things will have to be done differently'."

Women predominate in her own south London law firm — not, she insists, from any positive discrimination. She founded the firm, Fisher Meredith in Stockwell, 20 years ago this year, and it now has a total staff of 65, including 37 fee-earners and six partners, with large family and crime departments. Ms Pembridge is both senior partner and head of family law. The firm's work is 85 per cent legal aid and has a turnover of £2.2 million. But profit margins, she says, are tight (5 per cent compared with 15 per cent in some City law firms). "We live on a knife-edge," she says. She inspires huge staff loyalty by her energy and enthusiasm. Solicitors who find themselves on the other side in an action are more circumspect. "She can be very difficult," one said.

Her toughness stems in part from her childhood. Her mother died when she was at junior school and she and her older sister had to be self-sufficient. "You soon found out that if you left the dishes on the table, they would still be there in the morning." Her father was a railwayman (in administration). She went to Worcester Girls' Grammar School and Newnham College, Cambridge, reading natural sciences.

She is, in her own words, a "polymath" who could have worked in a City firm, as well as in legal aid: she gained a postgraduate diploma in languages (Russian and French). Her early career was as an interpreter-translator for United Nations agencies in different countries. Then work with Release, the charity, drew her towards law. "I was sending all these papers to solicitors and thought: I could do this."

She qualified late, aged 31 ("I did Part One in three months"), and became articled at Simons Muirhead & Burton, in London. The year she was admitted, 1975, she founded Fisher Meredith with the solicitor Michael Fisher.

She lives in Dulwich, with her seven-year old daughter, Alice, and husband Andrew Thomas, a solicitor. Hobbies include tending vegetables — she is a vegetarian — and her cats. "I enjoy doing things with Alice . . . dinghy sailing, ice-skating," she says. "We also go to our little cottage [no running water, no electricity] in the New Forest at weekends, where we live by candlelight and wash in the river."

Ms Pembridge's stance for women is a strong card, but one also used against her. She is at pains to dispel the "lefty PC" label attached by Mr Mears, saying: "I am for women — but I am not particularly politically correct and I am a fairly inactive member of the Labour Party."

Law Society members saw her in a new light when she appeared at a recent society party clad in Sixties leather mini and silver boots.

Her manifesto is aimed at "rebuilding the profession's trust" in the society. She says she is avoiding "vote-catching" promises but accepts that society bureaucracy must be looked at, as must improving representation on council, insurance costs, the complaints system and the problems of conveyancers. She favours separate representation for buyers and lenders. On complaints, one idea is a fee for complainants, refundable if upheld. But she says solicitors cannot put all the blame for their troubles at the society's door. "They have to do their bit, too — there won't be any ice-cream."

She dismisses her rivals in typically forthright manner as the "slash and burn" candidate (Mr Mears), who is appealing "in a repugnant way to the rabble-rousing element because people are hard-pressed", and Henry Hodge as the "establishment candidate" who is "probably the right man in the wrong place at the wrong time".

She adds: "I really believe I offer the best chance of a fresh view. I am not concerned with politics — more with fairness, trying to be true to myself. The path to the top is never smooth — you have to rock the boat and make a song and dance and say to others: 'The time has come to move over'."

Drug abuse: ray of hope from Holland

The Dutch have taken an imaginative step forward

To talk about legalising drugs or decriminalising the use of them is to enter an arena fraught with problems. Yet the huge rise in the use of drugs among the young is forcing a new debate. The recently published *Social Trends* shows that seizures of cocaine rose from 21 kg in 1981 to 708 kg in 1993. Heroin seizures rose from 93 kg in 1981 to 655 kg in 1993. And as for cannabis, 60,000 kg were seized in 1993, a fifth up on the year before. And now the maximum fine for possession of this class B drug has gone up from £500 to £2,500, showing the Government's determination to fight drugs in the usual way.

Yet the White Paper last week has more to do with education than crime, even if there is no suggestion of decriminalising banned drugs. Instead, it is intended to launch an information and education campaign for young people which already includes a national helpline to provide support and advice on drug misuse. £8.8 million is expected to be given to support 100 new local drug action teams to co-ordinate activities on the ground. Almost £6 million will be spent on drug education in schools.

All this effort will be a step in the right direction but is unlikely to do anything but slow the rise in the use of drugs by the young. And there is still a considerable minority of people anxious to deal with drugs through some form of decriminalisation. The British Juvenile and Family Courts Society had the courage to confront the problem at a recent conference entitled The Drugs Dilemma — The Challenge of Decriminalisation.



PAULA DAVIES

As in the rest of Europe, its conclusion showed only that no one is agreed on the best way to tackle the increasing use of drugs, which can lead, as the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire put it, "to pain, heartache, crime and violence". Keith Hellawell believes that deterrence can work but also sees the illogicality of taking people to court for possession, yet treating addicts on the health service. He sees the need to develop information and data on why children are getting involved and suggests a network of treatment and guidance centres. Drug action teams perhaps?

Another speaker could hardly have had a more opposing view. Michael Goodman is the director of Release, a charity set up in 1967 as a legal and emergency drugs service. He believes that the legalisation of drugs is inevitable in the foreseeable future and has called for a royal commission to be set up.

He rather spoilt his case by claiming that the only reason for taking drugs was enjoyment but pointed out sensibly that legalisation need not mean proselytising for drug use. "Organised crime could be defeated," he said. "There could be protection for consumers and taxation could be brought in to help in the fight against addiction." He added, to somewhat nervous laughter, that "last year more people died from hill-walking in Scotland than from the use of drugs".

This is not a fair analogy but many of us recalled the failure of alcohol prohibition in America. If you cannot put a stop to a bad habit maybe it is better to try to control it. Unfortunately, this doesn't seem to be working well. The Dutch experience has shown that allowing the use of cannabis in hash cafés has been anything but a success. Paul van Teeffelen, a judge in the Dutch Court of Appeal, entitled his talk "The Dutch Solution or The Dutch Disease?" Since the mid-1970s, the Dutch policy has been based on trying to restrain demand and supply rather than waging all-out war on drugs. The use of hard drugs is seen as a health problem while dealing is strictly forbidden.

A different attitude has been taken with cannabis. In the mid-1980s, retail sale of the drug was allowed and people permitted to possess 30 grams for their own use. This has led to a huge growth in the hash cafés. During the past ten years, their number has risen to more than 1,500.

What seemed a sensible idea at the time has resulted in a great increase of use among the young and — what is worse — greater difficulty in controlling the sale of hard drugs. Mr van Teeffelen calls the decriminalisation of cannabis the lesser of two evils, yet admits that such an ambiguous policy has led to the daft situation where usage is fine but supplies to the coffee shops illegal. "The effect of this policy is that selling at the front door is legal but buying supplies is not. When the coffee shop owner has to buy his stock he is forced into illegal transactions with a criminal organisation at his back door."

The situation in Holland is not totally gloomy, however, because the Dutch have taken an imaginative step in relation to drug-related crime. Those arrested have to choose between a prison cell or treatment in a clinic. "Only those addicts likely to receive a minimum four months' sentence are arrested, so that the alternative of a stay in a clinic is attractive."

During the panel discussions at the conference, it became clear that the decriminalisation of a soft drug such as cannabis is not likely to work, as Holland's experience has shown. Organised crime will still be in charge of supplies. Why not legalise them? Most magistrates attending the conference were distinctly dubious about this but recognised that there are no easy answers. Dr Judy Greenwood, a psychiatrist from Edinburgh who is involved in a Community Drug Problem Service, reminded us just how complicated is the whole problem of drugs. "The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 has not worked in Scotland," she said. "Prohibition has pushed the supply of drugs and increased crime." For eight years she and her colleagues have arranged for heroin addicts to be given methadone at the same time as advice. "The Lothian crime figures are going down," she added.

In her experience, most addicts do not want to come off their drugs and detoxification programmes are not very successful. "In order to succeed, you have to work with addicts and treat them as people rather than criminals." Yet if they happen to be both a solution seems impossible. Being locked up in prison won't prevent them from getting drugs if the current situation in the prisons is allowed to continue. Clinics along the Dutch line could be one answer. What came most clearly out of the conference, however, was that helping addicts to come off drugs can work only if they so wish it.

Preventing the young from taking up such habits is an issue for parents and society as a whole. Repressive legislation does not seem to work and, as in the United States, seems to create the biggest problems. And it was there that the prohibition of alcohol proved such a disaster. As to the drugs dilemma today and what to do about it, one is tempted to say: "God only knows."

● *The author is a magistrate who sits in a youth court.*

Playing the game

THE Rugby Football Union debacle highlights the ability of a bunch of old lawyers to stick together. Two of the five council members who backed the retired solicitor Dennis Easby's decision to sack the England captain Will Carling were solicitors.

Peter Bromage, a partner with Eversheds in Birmingham, qualified in 1958, and John Richardson, a partner with Richardson & Davies of Coventry, qualified in 1955.

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Too many trials

HOME Office officials said to be looking at the American "three strikes and you're out" law would do well to look again at what has happened in the year since its introduction. In California, the criminal system is in crisis as defendants faced with the mandatory 25 years to life for a third offence take their chances with jury trial rather than plea-bargaining. In Los Angeles, clearing the backlog of trials will cost an extra $78 million.

Whistlestop

THE solicitor Robin Ellison, pensions consultant at Hammond Suddards, claims that the whistleblowing provisions in the Pensions Bill may make the proposed pensions regulator's job impossible.

He argues for giving advisers a right, rather than a duty, to inform the occupational pensions regulatory authority of their concerns because imposing a duty will encourage advisers to report a mass of minor difficulties, thereby obscuring genuine problems. The whistleblow provisions have the full support of the Department of Social Security which, contrary to Mr Ellison, believes them to be in everyone's interests.

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A Bill to deal with miscarriages of justice has won praise, but **Ailsa Thomson** sees problems

Who polices the police?

There was much cross-party support for the Criminal Appeal Bill in its passage through the Commons and in particular for the proposal to create the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) to replace the Home Office as the reviewer of alleged miscarriages of justice.

This week it goes to the Lords. The areas of dispute seem minimal but are of crucial importance if the new body is to justify the expense of its creation by significantly improving the quality of the review. The chief issues are the independence of any reinvestigation into police inquiries and the extent to which the CCRC will disclose to unsuccessful applicants evidence on which they have been refused.

New criminal cases continue to show the importance of independent, open reinvestigations. One of the most recent is that of Brian Parsons, subject of Channel 4's *Trial and Error* programme in April. Parsons was convicted in 1988 of the murder of Ivy Batten, chiefly on evidence that fibres indistinguishable from those of the murderer's gloves had been found in his car's glove compartment and in the pocket of a coat he had been wearing.

After appeal, his solicitors were passed information that suggested that the murder had in fact been committed by two other men.

In 1992, the Home Office asked the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary to reinvestigate its own case against Parsons. Further investigation by Westcountry Television and *Trial and Error* has revealed potential areas of undisclosed evidence from the original trial: it seems that police discovered vomit from an intruder at the scene of the attack and, near by, two concealed hold-alls. Both of these items could have contained clues as to the perpetrator. Neither was used by the prosecution as implicating Parsons, and neither was made available for investigation by the defence. And the present investigations on behalf of Parsons by Dr Angela Gallop, a respected forensic scientist, have been in her view significantly hampered by the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary. It took 18 months (and 33 letters) before the defence was allowed access to exhibits. Devon and Cornwall police dispute this version of events. A petition to the Home Secretary has now been prepared and submitted.

Whatever the truth, public confidence cannot be bolstered by having the same police force investigate the integrity of its original investigation.

The report of the Devon and Cornwall police has apparently now been submitted to the Home Office. Mr Parsons's solicitors have sought its disclosure, which is in principle required under the judgment of Simon-Brown J. in *ex parte Hickey and others*.

However, under the terms of the present Bill, no equivalent duty of disclosure is imposed on the CCRC; indeed, quite the reverse. The Bill sets out a general duty of confidentiality, qualified by exemptions which are unclearly stated. Thus, the CCRC will be under no duty at all to disclose police reports to applicants. At committee stage in the Commons, the minister said the CCRC would give disclosure on a case by case basis, balancing disclosure against the need for confidentiality.

Nor has the CCRC the power to appoint its own independent investigators, instead of using police officers, in cases of particular sensitivity or concern. An all-party amendment to provide such a power was narrowly defeated in the Commons. Though amendments were accepted to strengthen the CCRC's supervisory duties, it will still be for the chief constable of the force under investigation to appoint an investigating officer, from his own or another force, subject only to CCRC veto or dismissal.

This could lead to a long process of negotiation, or attrition, without the CCRC having any power to impose a solution. There is no presumption against police forces' reinvestigating their own cases.

Now the Bill goes to the Lords. After 35 years of investigating alleged miscarriages, Justice, the human rights organisation, continues to believe that the CCRC must be independent and proactive in its investigation methods, and open in decision-making. The commission must be seen to be open and accountable if there is to be the degree of transparency needed to restore public confidence in the reinvestigation of miscarriages of justice.

● *The author is legal officer at Justice.*



Brian Parsons was convicted of murder, but why was his defence not shown all the evidence?





Two QCs, **Peter Goldsmith**, Bar chairman, left, and **Michael Beloff**, outline Bar proposals for a fairer entry system

How to attract the best to the Bar

A wide-ranging agenda for self-reform designed to create a dynamically structured profession for the 21st century is in the process of implementation by the Bar Council. That process has included proposals for a new complaints system to tackle poor professional standards and moves to broaden access to the Bar Vocational Course through a scheme to allow other institutions across the country to teach it.

But it is vital for the profession, its entrants and the public to create a system of entry that is both fair and rational. Later this week, therefore, we are to publish our proposals for a pupillages-applications clearing house (Pach) scheme, which would reflect the Ucas scheme offered to 400,000 university applicants each year.

The proposals have been developed by a steering group led by Michael Beloff, QC, and established as one of the first acts of the Bar Council chairman's 1995 programme. The plans build on the too disparate joint working arrangements already in place for the 1,100 students each year chasing between 700 and 800 pupillages — the trainee places in chambers.

Our analysis of that, the work of Ucas, and other proposals, leads us to favour the setting-up of a universal but voluntary clearing-house scheme for pupillage applications, to run from 1996. It would feature one application form, on which prospective pupils could specify a limited number of chambers to which they wished to apply. Candidates would also have to state their preferred sphere of the law — for example, general, criminal or specialist commercial. A unified timetable for applications, interviews and offers of places would apply, with first-round selection followed by a pool for unsuccessful first-round candidates.

Interviewing and selection criteria would remain a matter for participating chambers. We believe that the introduction of a single, standardised form would ease selection and would be good equal opportunities practice. Forms would be designed so that applicants' names could be detached, if chambers wished, before submission to sets, ensuring absolute impartiality.

> 'Concerns about discrimination and harassment'

The scheme as a whole will also be designed to ensure truly open competition: the Bar prides itself on being a meritocracy, but it must put an end to any practice that fuels any allegation of its being a closed club. An open clearing-house scheme that enables chambers to compare a field of applicants at one time on an equal basis would end haphazard selection procedures and encourage the practice and the perception of selection on objective merit, on which the Bar's future quality and strength depend.

Our aim is for the Pach framework to enable chambers to compare candidates in a way that accords with the Bar Council's equality code for chambers, as well as codes of practice issued by the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Commission for Racial Equality, which call for the use of consistent criteria in selection and training procedures to prevent unlawful discrimination.

Recent concerns about sex harassment and discrimination make the Bar Council's consultation on the Pach scheme timely: we are especially keen that those with any additional proposals for building genuine equality of opportunity and fair treatment for all pupillage applicants to the Pach scheme from its inception bring forward their ideas now so we can best use them.

At present we think chambers might have to contribute about £100 to join the scheme, and applicants would pay £10 to enter. But we are confident that the scheme would bring savings, too: applicants would have to devote less expense and time on multiple application forms to different sets of chambers. Chambers, meanwhile, would receive a lesser number of better focused applications from more suitable candidates. They will also face a once-only interview and selection round. A pool system would fill any vacancies that remained.

The Pach consultation paper is being circulated widely, and we want everyone with a stake in this debate — all chambers and potential applicants, especially women and ethnic minority — to make their voices heard now. The independent Bar will remain strong through attracting the best and most able candidates.

Judges play growing role in restraining government

A HIGH Court judge has said British judges are becoming as powerful under the constitution as Parliament, *Frances Gibb writes*. In the *London Review of Books*, Mr Justice Sedley writes that by 2,000, they will play an even bigger role than now in restraining governmental powers as they assert their scrutiny of government in a way that rivals the supreme sovereignty of Parliament.

He cites the recent ruling against the Home Secretary in a contempt of court case brought by a Zairean asylum-seeker, as well as the High Court ruling against the Government over the Pergau dam in which Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, was found to have acted illegally. Mr Justice Sedley says a new constitutional framework is developing to replace the notion that Parliament is supreme.

Instead, he says, a dual sovereignty is emerging, "where the Crown's ministers must answer politically to Parliament and legally to the courts".

Mr Justice Sedley, a highly respected judge with left-of-centre opinions, sets out his views against a growth in the use of judicial review (JR), the legal procedure by which judges scrutinise government decisions. JR challenges this year have reached almost 3,000 (compared with 525 in 1980). David Hogg, the Deputy Treasury Solicitor, told a Law Society conference last autumn that in 1993 his department handled 750 JR challenges, 500 of which were in the immigration field.

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Law Report May 16 1995 Court of Appeal

Lloyd's names can enforce successful claims in chronological priority

Cox v Bankside Members Agency Ltd and Others

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Saville

[Judgment May 12]

Plaintiff names, who had established claims in the Lloyd's litigation against agents, who were solvent, or, if they were not, against errors and omissions underwriters, were entitled to enforce claims as and when they were fully proved in accordance with the ordinary rule of chronological priority.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by certain plaintiff names, whose actions were towards the end of the litigation queue, from Mr Justice Phillips (*The Times* January 27) who had determined that claims made against agents, including Bankside Members' Agency Ltd and against errors and omissions underwriters under the Third Parties (Rights against Insurers) Act 1930 were to be settled on a first past the post basis and not by application of a principle of rateable allocation.

The Court of Appeal also dismissed a cross-appeal by certain defendant agents from Mr Justice Phillips who had rejected their claim to implied indemnity by the E & O underwriters in respect of costs and interest incurred as a result of the underwriters' decision to exercise their right under the insurance contract with the agent to defend a claim.

Mr John Martin, QC and Mr Thomas Seymour for the appellant names: Mr Geoffrey Vos, QC and Mr Jonathan Gaisman, QC, for the Gooda Walker and Feltrim names and Mr Sword-Daniels; Mr Jeffrey Gruder for the agent defendants; Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC and Mr Michael Swainston for the E & O underwriters.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the huge losses suffered by some names at Lloyd's in recent years had become common knowledge. Many blamed their losses on the negligence of their members' and managing agents.

Numerous actions had been started. Some had run their course, leading to judgments for the names. Some were still proceeding to trial. In other cases claims had been intimated but actions had not yet been brought.

The agents so sued had the benefit of E & O insurance cover, obtained either by individual agents or groups of agents. The extent of cover was not known but was generally accepted to be inadequate to indemnify all agents against claims which had been and might yet be established.

Some agents were already in liquidation, others would become insolvent if the claims were made good. Thus the names' best hope of effective compensation in large measure depended on their exercise under the 1930 Act of the agents' right to be indemnified by the E & O underwriters.

It was therefore of acute practical importance to the names to establish the basis on which the funds payable by the E & O underwriters should be allocated.

His Lordship referred to the rival views:

1 That names were entitled to enforce their claims as and when fully proved: known as "first past the post" and resting on the simple principle of chronological priority. 2 That funds available from underwriters to meet claims should be rateably distributed among names who established or hereafter would establish their claims against each agent, or, in the case of a group policy, those agents. The underlying rationale was that chronological priority, particularly where that was not under the sole control of the litigant, should not determine the right to substantial recovery.

It was inherent in the judge's approach that he considered chronological priority to be the basic rule from which any departure had to be justified. That was plainly correct.

There had to be some good reason for departing from the basic rule that a successful plaintiff was entitled to the fruits of his judgment.

His Lordship referred to and rejected the five possible bases for a scheme of rateable allocation advanced by Mr Martin.

The first rested on the equitable principle that equality was equity. That required that all names who had already established or would hereafter establish claims in negligence against agents should share rateably in the fruits of the agents' limited E & O cover.

It had not been suggested that the maxim had ever been applied in any situation remotely like the present and his Lordship did not think crude application of the principle could displace the ordinary rule of chronological priority.

The second basis was an implied agreement between the insured agents, where a number of assured contributed to the premium for a group policy, that if the policy proceeds in total were less than the aggregate claims covered by the policy, then any group member who received more from the policy proceeds than his proportion of claims should contribute the excess to the other group members, the intention being that the policy moneys should be shared proportionately to the group's liabilities.

In his Lordship's judgment, that proposed term could not satisfy the ordinary rules for implying terms: namely, that the term contended for must be necessary to give the agreement business efficacy, or must represent the parties' obvious but unarticulated intention.

Had the agents who grouped together to obtain E & O cover envisaged that the limit might prove too low they would have been likely to have contracted for a higher limit.

Their group agreement could, however, work effectively on the basis that the cover would be available to the members of the group unless and until it was exhausted and there was no factual basis for imputing an intention that either any shortfall in cover or any excess applicable to the group should be rateably borne.

The third suggested basis, resting on construction of the 1930 Act, was also unsound. Nothing in the Act nor in any case decided under it provided a shred of support for any scheme of rateable allocation.

The fourth basis rested on the obligation of every name to underwrite only through an underwriting agent, on the obligation of every agent to obtain E & O cover up to a minimum level and on the fiduciary duties owed by an agent to any name for whom he acted.

Those factors were said to impose on an agent to whom insurance proceeds were paid, or on any name who was indemnified directly by the insurer, a trust to hold such proceeds for the benefit of all names who had establish or might hereafter establish claims covered, the upper limit apart, by that E & O policy.

His Lordship rejected the submission. The essential building blocks of a trust, certainty of terms and of beneficiaries and above all a clear intention that property should be held for the benefit of others, were absent.

The fifth and most promising basis was the management plan promulgated by the Commercial Court to provide for the efficient disposal of the Lloyd's litigation.

The plan involved the identification of issues suitable for preliminary determination and the allotting of trial dates to particular cases. Having assumed the responsibility of programming litigation in that way it was said to be incumbent on the court to ensure that its programme did not become a source of injustice by delivering the fruits of the available E & O cover to those whom it had put at the front of the queue at the expense of those whom it had put at the back.

The machinery for effecting fair allocation, it was said, existed: all judgments, if in favour of plaintiff names, would be antedated to the date of the first such judgment under Order 42, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court; all agents or names receiving the proceeds of E & O insurance from underwriters would be ordered to pay the same to receivers, one for each relevant policy; and receivers would make distribution in accordance with the directions of the court.

In his Lordship's view, it would obviously be unfair on the plaintiff names involved if actions which had been fully prepared and were ready for trial were shunted into a siding by order of the court while other, slower actions overtook them, if the plaintiff names in the actions thus accelerated were so enabled to recover the proceeds of insurance cover which would otherwise have been available to satisfy the claims of plaintiffs whose actions had been retarded.

The same would be true if the court had discouraged plaintiffs from preparing for trial by indicating that other actions, begun later or prosecuted with less vigour, would in any event be tried first.

But that had not, to any significant extent, happened. Preliminary issues appeared to have been identified in the leading, not the following, actions. It appeared, certainly in the case of the action groups, to have been the leading, not the following actions, which had been tried first.

If plaintiffs had been retarded or discouraged, given the general appreciation that insurance recoveries would not extend to cover all claims, his Lordship would have expected those affected to have pressed at the time for a clear ruling on the basis of recovery.

His Lordship accepted that the court had power, generally speaking, to ensure that its procedures did not work injustice.

He saw no difficulty in practice or in principle in minor and small scale procedures directed to avoid anomaly and injustice directly caused by the court's listing of one case before another where there was competition for a date between parties who were equally ready for trial.

But, given the scale and factual diversity of the Lloyd's litigation, it would be at best very difficult and at worst impossible to devise a scheme from scratch which would be operable in practice.

The most difficult problem of all was to be sure what fairness demanded in that extremely complex situation. The ordinary rule of chronological priority involved obvious hardship for plaintiff names not at the front of the queue.

But there was obvious hardship for plaintiff names if, having obtained favourable judgments at great expense, they were denied the fruits of their judgment, perhaps facing bankruptcy before the judgments could be enforced.

Although it was true that plaintiff names in the leading actions went ahead knowing that no ruling had been given on the basis of recovery and so took the risk that immediate recovery would be denied, it was not unreasonable of them to have judged that the rule of chronological priority would prevail in the absence of any contrary ruling, and those plaintiffs had taken the financial risk of funding expensive actions.

It was anyway difficult to see how the claims of those at the back of the queue could be at all adequately protected, since it was not suggested that an ad hoc scheme imposed as part of the court's management plan could in any way affect or restrain recovery against the proceeds of insurance cover by those compromising their claims or obtaining arbitration awards.

His Lordship was not on balance persuaded that greater fairness would be achieved by a scheme of rateable allocation along the lines proposed, even if that were feasible, than by application of the ordinary rule of chronological priority.

He was not even persuaded that the court had a sufficiently comprehensive view of the whole complex scene to be able to determine with confidence where the balance of fairness lay. He would uphold the judge's decision.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Saville delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: S. J. Berwin & Co; Wilde Sapte and Hextall Erskine & Co; Manches & Co; Clyde & Co.

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Additional evidence not available for the trial

Elliot v HM Advocate

Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross), Lord Cowie, Lord Morison, Lord Morton of Shuna and Lord McCluskey

[Judgment March 24]

In an appeal against criminal conviction on the basis of the existence of additional evidence which had not been heard at the trial, it was not sufficient that the appellant had a reasonable excuse for his failure to lead the evidence at the trial: but was necessary that the evidence had not been available and could not reasonably have been made available at the trial.

A full bench of the High Court of Justiciary, sitting as the Court of Criminal Appeal, so held, refusing an appeal by Angus Gordon Elliott against his conviction for murder, fire raising and attempting to defeat the ends of justice.

Section 228(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975, as amended by the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980, provides, inter alia:

"A person may bring under review of the High Court any alleged miscarriage of justice in the proceedings in which he was convicted, including any alleged miscarriage of justice on the basis of the existence and significance of additional evidence which was not heard at the trial and which was not available and could not reasonably have been made available at the trial."

Mr Graham Bell, QC and Mr Paul McBride for the appellant; Lord Rodger of Earlsferry, QC, Her Majesty's Advocate, for the Crown.

THE LORD JUSTICE-CLERK said that in the recent decision in *Church v HM Advocate* (February 10, 1995) the Lord Justice-General, sitting with Lord Allanbridge and Lord Brand, had decided that the court was entitled to entertain an appeal where new evidence was sought to be led even though it was not evidence which had not been available and could not reasonably have been made available at the trial.

In effect the court had decided that section 228(2) was wide enough to enable the court to hear additional evidence provided that there was a reasonable explanation for the appellant's failure to lead it at the trial.

In so holding the court in *Church* had been disagreeing with the law as laid down in a number of cases including *Salusbury-Hughes v HM Advocate* (1987 SCCR 38).

In those circumstances, with all respect to the judges who had sat in *Church*, his Lordship was of the opinion that the case should have been remitted to a full bench. Cases such as *Salusbury-Hughes* had been binding upon them.

It was well established in the High Court that a quorum of the court was bound by a previous decision of a court of equal number: see *Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia* (vol 22, para 308); *M'Avoy v Cameron*, (1917 JC 1); *Ritchie v Pirie* (1972 JC 7).

All three judges in *Church* had been members of courts which had in the past supported the construction set out in *Salusbury-Hughes*: see *Williamson v HM Advocate* (1988 SCCR 56); *Brodie v HM Advocate* (1993 SCCR 371); *McCormack v HM Advocate* (1993 SCCR 581); *Ralton v HM Advocate* (1994 SLT 321).

With all respect to those judges, they did not appear to his Lordship to have explained in *Church* why they had altered the views which they had previously expressed.

The critical question was whether the conclusion in *Church* was soundly based. The issue being one of statutory construction, the normal rules had to be applied.

Where the meaning of a statutory provision was clear and explicit effect had to be given to it.

"A construction which would leave without effect any part of the language of a statute will normally be rejected" (*Maxwell, Interpretation of Statutes* (12th edition (1969) p36).

"It is not however competent to a judge to modify the language of an Act of Parliament in order to bring it into accordance with his own views of what is right or reasonable." (*Craies, Statute Law* (7th edition (1971) p91).

In 1972 the Thomson Committee on Criminal Appeals had recommended an alteration to the legislation which would have made it a requirement for the leading of additional evidence that there was a reasonable explanation for the failure to adduce it (Cmnd 5038). However, Parliament had not accepted that recommendation; instead they had enacted section 228(2).

Parliament had thus made it clear that additional evidence could only be adduced if it had not been available and could not reasonably have been made available at the trial. That appeared to his Lordship to be the plain import of the language which Parliament had used.

With all respect to the judges in *Church*, his Lordship did not understand how they had come to apply "a reasonable explanation" test. The had given no explanation as to why that test had been adopted.

The effect was to give the test laid down in the second part of section 228(2) no content. To that extent, his Lordship moved the court to disapprove of *Church*.

His Lordship was aware that in recent years there had been criticism of the approach which the court had taken towards the leading of additional evidence in such appeals.

However, it was Parliament and not the court which had imposed restrictions upon the leading of additional evidence.

The matter was being reviewed by an independent committee appointed by the government. It might be that the committee would propose changes to the terms of section 228(2), but unless and until they did so, the court was required to apply the terms of that subsection as it was presently enacted.

If any change was to be made to the provisions of the Act, that was a matter for Parliament and not for the court.

Lord Cowie, Lord Morison, Lord Morton of Shuna and Lord McCluskey delivering concurring opinions.

Law agents: More & Co; Crown Agent.

Broker's duty to retain slips

Grace v Leslie & Godwin Financial Services Ltd

Before Mr Justice Clarke

[Judgment May 1]

An insurance broker had a duty to retain sufficient information to enable a claim to be made and that information should be retained by him for as long as he regarded a claim as possible.

Mr Justice Clarke so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment when finding the defendants, Leslie & Godwin Financial Services Ltd, the plaintiffs' brokers in reinsuring part of their liabilities to Sturge Syndicates, liable in breach of contract in failing to retain the relevant policy slips. The plaintiff, Mr Brian S. Grace, represented members of Syndicate 964 at Lloyd's.

Mr Adam Fenton for the plaintiff; Mr Jeffrey Gruder for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE CLARKE said that the plaintiffs claimed against the defendants in breach of duty both in contract and tort.

In issue between the parties was the broker's duty to retain documents so as to be in a position to collect claims when called upon to do so.

The evidence showed clearly that Lloyd's brokers were under a duty to collect claims when called upon to do so; but the question for the court was whether the broker was under a duty to retain any, and if so what, documents, and for how long.

His Lordship added that the broker's duty to retain information was not an absolute duty requiring the broker to retain information for ever, but a duty to exercise reasonable skill and care.

Where the broker held the policy, which was his principal's property, he did so as bailee and as such he owed his principal a duty not to destroy it without obtaining his principal's instructions. In the instant case, the duty related to the slip.

His Lordship said that in the instant case the time never came when the defendants could have destroyed the slips in question (the slips had in fact been lost), because a reasonable broker would throughout the relevant period have regarded a claim as possible.

Having held the defendants liable in breach of contract, no separate consideration was given to the issue of tort.

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Chemistry between manager and coach the key to season of triumph at Ewood Park

Dalglish lights up after Blackburn fulfil title dreams



Rob Hughes tries to uncover the secrets behind the success of the new Premiership champions

They came down the hills, passed the old mills and the tightly-packed terraced housing, to Ewood Park in their thousands last night. Only the stadium is new; the surrounds are as they were when Blackburn Rovers last ruled English football, in 1914, and the people were on foot. The scene was reminiscent of a Lowry painting, and those Blackburnites who came to the stadium were walking in the footsteps and on the memories of their grandfathers and great-grandfathers.

Peering out from the stadium, watching them come, were the new heroes: Shearer, Flowers and Hendry, the backbone of the championship team, men of substance and not merely football players.

They were recruited to the town by the money of Jack Walker but his most important signing, the one that gave credence to the whole improbable dream was the hiring of Kenny Dalglish.

And he, this supposedly taciturn Glaswegian who has seen it all before, who had won five championships with Celtic and eight with Liverpool, had shown a more human face to his personality than that which is regularly caricatured.

When did we ever see such an explosion of joy, an overt expression of pride in Kenneth Mathieson Dalglish than in Liverpool, his spiritual home, the moment the title was won on Sunday?

Seconds before that moment, his emotions had been closed, shuttered like a window. He stood almost Ramsey-like, face dour and undemonstrative, while listening to someone telling him that Manchester United had failed in London to wrest the championship from them. He paused, waited until the information was confirmed, and then literally danced among members of his bench.

There was Tony Parkes, the trainer whom Dalglish had kept on the staff, the link with the Blackburn he inherited. There was a special, lingering embrace with Ray Harford, the coach, and the mastermind of the Blackburn tactics, a quiet, embarrassed, but also proud man whom Dalglish himself had enticed to be his assistant at Ewood.

And then there was something else. Dalglish had only a few more paces to make and then he was in the embrace of Roy Evans, the manager of Liverpool. Then it was Ronnie Moran, the sergeant major figure of the Liverpool boot-room team, a man who doubtless had disciplined Dalglish for his rakish training-ground humour many times, and who now held him like a surrogate father.

> 'Faces lit up in pleasure for him, people touched him, shook his hand'

The affection for Dalglish, this forgiveness for the fact that he had suddenly defected from Anfield while manager there four years ago, continued down the steps and into the corridors of the stadium. People's faces lit up in pleasure for the man, they touched him, they shook his hand, and he reciprocated with the most open display of shared affection one can recall around him.

Kenny Dalglish? Can this be the man of a thousand press conferences, the man of the blank stare, the refusal to answer commonplace questions, the spokesman who at time exuded all of the joy of toothache?

When Dalglish won his titles as a manager for Liverpool, he was merely carrying on the tradition at that club. He knew, intimately, every secret and every human touch that made the place tick. The formula was laid down by Shankly and the likes of Bob Paisley, Joe Fagan, then Evans and Moran were around Dalglish to prompt and remind him of how to continue the succession. It was a legacy that could, with care, run itself. But it could also be broken, as Dalglish's successor, Graeme Souness, was to prove. For, Dalglish, though, the lure of Blackburn Rovers offered a greater challenge by far.

There was nothing there but a deep pit of history, a deep pot of Walker and steel money and an empty canvas on which to paint. Only three players — Wilcox, Atkins and Mimms — remain from the pre-Dalglish days. He has had no trouble spending the millions, and Sunday's team contained players purchased at £18.3 million.

There are some who say that the chemistry that has worked Blackburn's miracle has as much to do with Harford, the team blender, as with Dalglish, the motivator and buyer. There are reports that Harford would like to be his own man, to manage away from the shadow of the celebrated Scot.



A rare display of emotion from Dalglish as news of Blackburn's first title for 81 years is confirmed

Yet the challenge ahead, the road to Europe, as well as the salary Walker pays may keep the partnership in harness. Besides, it is Dalglish who has joined the company of two — Herbert Chapman and Brian Clough — the only other men to have won England's championship with more than one club. It is Dalglish, the son of a diesel engineer, who had the humility and the knowledge to invite Harford as his aide.

Moreover, Dalglish, when he left school at 15, had a brief apprenticeship in carpentry. From that he learnt to shape things the way his eye saw them, and when you enquire beyond the fact that it is Harford who trains the players and Dalglish who plays among them, you appreciate where his specific knowledge lies.

Intelligent players such as Stuart Ripley talk of a certain liberty within the Harford system, they talk of Dalglish passing on "little tips". They are, as players tend to be, inspired by a man who was himself a player, and achiever, par excellence.

And as the thousands came down the hills last night, some of them, too, instinctively chanted: "Dal'glish! Dal'glish!"

Italian job may prove taxing for Sampras

THE start of Pete Sampras's rehearsal for the French Open tennis championship should be conveniently reassuring (Stuart Jones writes). However, as he attempts to refine his clay-court game in Rome this week before challenging for the only grand slam championship to have eluded him, the opposition promises to be ever more daunting.

A semi-finalist in Hamburg last week, he has ranged against him in the top half of the draw almost all of those who will be considered the leading contenders in Paris. One notable exception is Andre Agassi, who has chosen to complete his preparations at home in Las Vegas.

Assuming that Sampras reaches the quarter-finals, he can expect to face either Sergi Bruguera, the No 8 seed, or Jim Courier, ranked nine.

Williams injured

Rugby union: South Africa have lost one of their leading players, Chester Williams, in advance of the World Cup, which begins in their country on May 25. Williams, the Western Province wing, withdrew yesterday because of a hamstring injury and his place goes to Pieter Hendriks, of Transvaal. Williams, 24, was the only coloured player in the squad.

Slip for Graf

Tennis: Arantxa Sánchez Vicario reclaimed her place as No 1 yesterday before she had struck a ball at the German Open. She overtook Steffi Graf at the top of the rankings and, following Graf's withdrawal from the German tournament, as top seed in Berlin.

England trail

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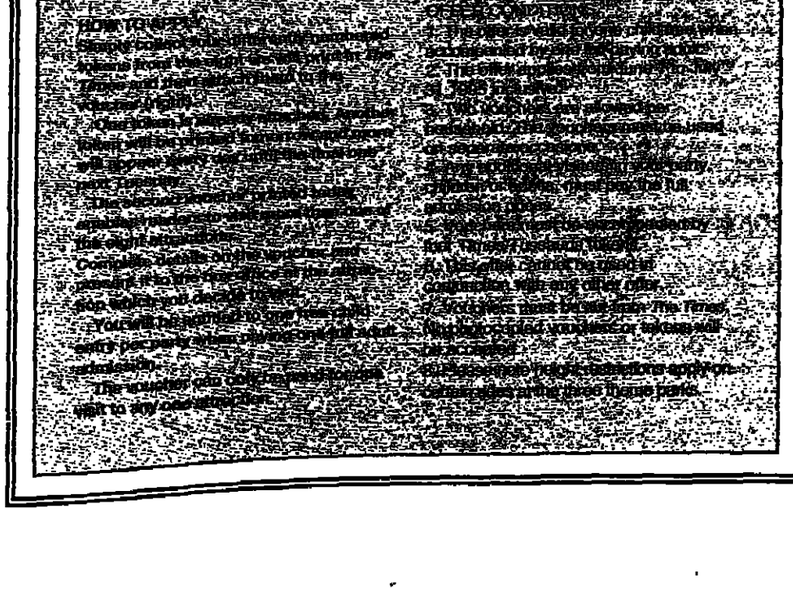
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BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SWANSEA (final day of four): Glamorgan (5pts) drew with Sussex (4)

SUSSEX retreated timidly from a challenge to their will and nerve yesterday. Perhaps protective of a long tail, assuredly reluctant to concede too much ground to the early pace-setters in the Britannic Assurance county championship, they turned their backs on the pursuit of 287 to beat Glamorgan with 51 wanted from the last seven overs and five wickets still standing.

An hour earlier, with their first-wicket pair of Bill Athey and Jamie Hall still together and the target down to 122 from 24 overs, an unlikely victory was apparently theirs for the taking. But Sussex have long depended on Alan Wells for their inspiration and when he completed a mortifying "pair", the confidence visibly drained from the side.

Glamorgan too late turned from defence to wholesale attack on a day when Northamptonshire replaced them at the top of the table by beating Somerset. Time, however, was always against them. Keith Newell, who can shoulder none of the blame for the anticlimax, completed a fine debut by batting through the last hour and the crowd, anticipating rather more in the way of daring, trooped away bewildered.

The loss of more than four sessions from the first two days to poor weather compressed the game unsatisfactorily but this final day had lacked for little until its tepid end. Hugh Morris judged a difficult declaration shrewdly, though he might have been avoiding eye contact with his team-mates when Sussex cruised to 165 for no wicket. There was, however, always something in the pitch and the required run-rate became ever more searching as new batsmen struggled to adjust.

If the morning was essentially positional, it was not by contrivance. Sussex gave away nothing, mercifully resisting any temptation to revive the bad old days of joke bowling in search of a favourable target. Ed Giddins operated with no rest and little luck for 17 overs unchanged at the Sea End.

He did take one wicket, Adrian Dale offering no stroke to an inswinger, but the serious incisions were made by Franklyn Stephenson. Some of his deliveries, pitching on the right-hander's off stump and beating it, won admiring shrugs of disbelief.

Between alarms, there was some fine strokeplay from Maynard and especially from Croft. The pair of them put on 101 in 19 overs and Croft was undefeated on 52 when Morris declared five overs into the afternoon session.

Steve Watkin, Glamorgan's likeliest match-winner, was soon shaking his head perplexedly as Athey and Hall played him unerringly, save for a chance to second slip when Athey was 14. Hamish Anthony's first spell was profligate and both batsmen used their feet confidently when the spinners came on.

It seemed they could be parted only by a run-out and so they were, Dale pivoting to throw out Hall at the non-striker's end. Wells's expression when he chipped his second ball from Dale to mid-wicket said everything necessary about the importance of his innings and, once Athey's measured 92 ended in a return catch off the leading edge, and Stephenson's fling was bold but brief, Sussex contentiously preferred to be discreet in stalemate than disheartened in defeat. Until their batting is stronger, and they begin to believe in it, they will never be champions.

Photograph, page 48

The West Indians meet Worcestershire in the opening first-class match of their tour today with the New Road pitch likely to be the subject of as much scrutiny as the visitors. A similar-looking strip 12 feet away brought a reprimand from the TCCB yesterday, after the home side lost to Middlesex by an innings, and a warning that another poor pitch this season will lead to a deduction of championship points. Graeme Hick misses an early meeting with the touring team because of a cracked finger.



Russell appeals as Pick falls leg-before to Ball for nought at Bristol yesterday

Durham lacking resolve

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (24pts) beat Durham (3) by an innings and 159 runs

DAVID GRAVENEY was here yesterday, in his new role as a Test selector, and he will have learnt little. His old county was whipped mercilessly, as they had been in their last championship fixture at Old Trafford, where they return today for the final Benson and Hedges Cup group tie. Suddenly the season looks a lot longer.

When they return home on Thursday it is for a game all Durham has awaited, the first championship match at the new Riverside Ground in Chester-le-Street. That is the best place for them to start afresh. The opponents are Warwickshire, the county champions, and Durham have plenty to atone for. On this form they are not giving the others a decent contest.

They won the toss here and still went down by 159 runs, managing only to carry the game into the final session before their palsied performance came to an end. Batting was not difficult. Ligertwood and Brown proved that by adding 50 for the ninth wicket. There was little resolve, and there were some awful strokes.

Beginning the day on 56 for two, Durham's mission was straightforward: to bat through. Larkins and Daley had both gone by lunch and the afternoon session was a procession of mediocrity. Batting of this feebleness weakens a team's collective identity and adds a further layer of doubt to the captain's already onerous burden.

Larkins, to be fair, got a good ball. Bicknell had him groping at one that ran away and Kersey moved smartly to hold a fine catch, one of five in the innings. Daley was within a single of a second fifty in the match when he drove Nowell, the left-arm spinner, uppishly and brainlessly to mid-off. Bicknell struck again immediately after lunch, when Saxelby was taken at the wicket, but he then left the game with that old favourite, "a hamstring niggle". The older this gifted cricketer gets, the more difficult it will be to make anything of a once promising career.

Nowell, at 19, has time on his side and it does help to be in the wickets, particularly when you do not bowl especially well. Quite what Prabhakar thought he was doing, kicking away a ball that straightened, he alone knows, but he had no business looking back at his wicket as if to doubt the umpire's decision.

After that late stand between Brown and Ligertwood, Hollioake rounded things off. Two questions remain: when did five bowlers go for more than 100 runs in an innings, as Durham's did here? And why does Hollioake wrap sunglasses round his head on an overcast day?

Russell's forceful approach paves way for victory

BY PAT GIBSON

BRISTOL (final day of four): Gloucestershire (23pts) beat Nottinghamshire (4) by 134 runs

THE new spirit in Gloucestershire's cricket was emphasised yesterday when they bowled out Nottinghamshire with 4.4 overs to spare to record their first championship victory of the season. It was a performance worthy of a bigger audience than the handful of spectators scattered around the wide open spaces of the County Ground.

Much of the credit goes to their new captain, Jack Russell, who was asking a lot of his bowlers when he challenged Nottinghamshire to score 277 to win off 54 overs on a pitch which had yielded 876 runs for 15 wickets in the previous 2½ days.

They did him proud. There was no Courtney Walsh, of course, and his replacement, Javagal Srinath, was struggling with a shoulder injury, but Mike Smith and Martyn Ball made up for that by destroying Nottinghamshire with their swing and spin.

Smith, an underrated left-armer who can move the new ball around as much as anyone, made the early inroads and finished with four for 51, while Ball, an improving off spinner, worked his way through the middle order to return five for 49.

They were helped by an inept Nottinghamshire display. Already without Pollard, Lewis and Noon, they were further handicapped by injuries of one sort or another to Robinson, Dowman, Archer, Johnson and Cairns. But all of that could not excuse their lack of application in far-from-difficult conditions.

Only Johnson, who was characteristically taking the fight to Gloucestershire when he missed a drive against Ball and was stumped, Evans, who resisted for 18 overs, and Pennett, who remained unbeaten after 17 overs, could be exonerated from an exhibition which does not augur well for those who fancied them for the championship.

Not that this was of any concern to Russell. "I don't think there is a team in the country which is working harder than we are. Our three new players, Srinath, Monte Lynch and Andrew Symonds, have lifted the side and everybody has responded. We now believe that we can beat anybody."

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Glamorgan v Sussex

SWANSEA (final day of four): Glamorgan (5pts) drew with Sussex (4)

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 212 (E S H Giddins 6 for 87)

Second Innings

S P James c Athey b Stephenson	6
*H Morris lbw b Stephenson	28
D L Hemp c Wells b Salisbury	74
M P Maynard b Stephenson	1
P A Cottey c Moores b Stephenson	0
A Dale b Giddins	52
R D B Croft not out	0
H A G Anthony b Stephenson	8
N M Kendrick not out	40
Extras (lb 4, w 20, w 6, nb 10)	40
Total (7 wkts dec)	270

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-74, 3-140, 4-146, 5-155, 6-256, 7-260.

BOWLING: Stephenson 17-4-64-5, Hutton 10-4-40; Lewry 11-1-46-0, Giddins 28-11-74-1; Salisbury 11-1-58-1.

SUSSEX: First Innings 196 (P Newell 62, H A G Anthony 4 for 47)

Second Innings

C W J Athey c and b Watkin	92
J W Hall run out	85
*A P Wells c Maynard b Dale	8
K Greenfield c Metson b Watkin	34
K Newell not out	16
F D Stephenson b Anthony	16
+P Moores not out	16
Extras (lb 5)	5
Total (5 wkts)	266

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-165, 2-167, 3-187, 4-190, 5-216.

BOWLING: Watkin 17-2-49-2; Anthony 12-0-57-1; Dale 15-4-60-1; Kendrick 10-1-48-0; Croft 9.2-2-37-0.

Umpires: A A Jones and G Sharp.

Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire

BRISTOL (final day of four): Gloucestershire (23pts) beat Nottinghamshire (4) by 134 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 389 for 3 dec (A J Wright 193, G D Hodgson 148)

Second Innings

A J Wright c French b Evans	2
G D Hodgson c Afford b Evans	15
M A Lynch lbw b Pennett	32
R I Dawson not out	53
M W Alleyne c Johnson b Afford	40
A Symonds not out	29
Extras (lb 12, nb 2)	14
Total (4 wkts dec)	187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-40, 3-59, 4-144.

BOWLING: Pick 11-2-41-0, Evans 8-1-22-2, Afford 7-3-21-0, Pennett 8-1-36-1, Afford 11-3-55-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

M P Dowman lbw b Ball	63
P Johnson b Smith	0
G F Archer c Lynch b Smith	62
*R T Robinson b Smith	18
C L Cairns c Ball b Smith	24
K P Evans not out	78
G W Mike c Lynch b Smith	4
+B N French b Smith	2
P A Pick c Russell b Ball	34
D B Pennett not out	6
Extras (lb 5, nb 4)	9
Total (8 wkts dec, 110.1 overs)	300

J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-125, 3-137, 4-168, 5-195, 6-219, 7-267.

BOWLING: Smith 22.1-3-51-5, Smith 26-7-72-2, Sheeraz 13-2-52-0, Alleyne 12-2-40-0, Ball 33.1-11-97-2.

Second Innings

*R T Robinson lbw b Smith	1
M P Dowman lbw b Smith	18
G F Archer c Lynch b Smith	3
P Johnson st Russell b Ball	19
C L Cairns c Lynch b Ball	0
K P Evans lbw b Ball	41
G W Mike run out	0
+B N French b Ball	18
P A Pick lbw b Ball	0
D B Pennett not out	25
J A Afford lbw b Smith	6
Extras (lb 4, lb 1, nb 8)	13
Total	142

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-17, 3-56, 4-56, 5-64, 6-66, 7-93, 8-95, 9-117.

BOWLING: Srinath 14-3-37-0, Smith 15.2-6-51-4, Ball 19-7-49-5.

Umpires: J D Bond and B Dudleston.

Lancashire v Warwickshire

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (23pts) beat Warwickshire (5) by six wickets

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 262 (A J Moles 51, P J Martin 4 for 68)

Second Innings

*A J Moles lbw b Watkinson	66
Wasim Khan lbw b Keedy	78
R G Twose c Speak b Keedy	4
D P Ostler b Chapple	50
R P Davis b Martin	30
T L Penney c Crawley b Martin	0
P A Smith c Hegg b Martin	7
D R Brown c Hegg b Martin	7
+M Burns lbw b Chapple	6
N M K Smith b Chapple	0
G C Small not out	6
Extras (lb 15, lb 11, w 1, nb 16)	43
Total	297

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-168, 2-168, 3-176, 4-269, 5-269, 6-276, 7-278, 8-287, 9-287.

BOWLING: Watkinson 32-10-56-1, Chapple 19.3-4-61-3, Keedy 24-7-53-2, Atherton 14-0-71-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 410 (N H Fairbrother 156, M Watkinson 91, R P Davis 5 for 116).

Second Innings

M A Atherton c Burns b Brown	26
J E R Gallian c Burns b P A Smith	18
J P Crawley not out	56
N J Speak c P A Smith b Davis	9
G Chapple c Ostler b Small	4
M Watkinson not out	29
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 21)	8
Total (4 wkts)	150

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-56, 3-87, 4-100.

BOWLING: Small 11.4-3-35-1; Brown 11.2-0-47-1; P A Smith 3-0-15-1; Davis 15.1-2-40-1; N M K Smith 3-0-14-0.

Umpires: J W Holder and R A White.

Northants v Somerset

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): Northamptonshire (22pts) beat Somerset (5) by seven wickets

SOMERSET: First Innings 242 (G D Rose 84, S C Ecclestone 81).

Second Innings 243 (M E Trescothick 151, A N Hayhurst 58 not out; Ecclestone 50, A Kumble 4 for 67).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 297 (K M Curran 96, J N Snape 54 not out)

Second Innings

+P J Warren b Trump	24
A Fordham c Trescothick b Mushtaq	29
R J Bailey not out	66
T C Walton lbw b Ecclestone	71
*A J Lamb not out	85
Extras (lb 10, nb 6)	16
Total (3 wkts)	291

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-55, 3-176.

BOWLING: Rose 16-5-65-0, Hayhurst 4-0-16-0; Trump 14-4-46-1, Mushtaq Ahmed 22.4-3-110-1, Ecclestone 9-1-36-1.

Umpires: G I Burgess and B J Meyer.

Surrey v Durham

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (24pts) beat Durham (3) by an innings and 159 runs

DURHAM: First Innings 269 (M Saxelby 68, J A Daley 55, M P Bicknell 4 for 61).

Second Innings

*M A Roseberry c Kersey b M P Bicknell	7
W Larkins c Kersey b M P Bicknell	28
J E Morris c Kersey b Benjamin	9
J A Daley c Stewart b Nowell	49
M Prabhakar lbw b Nowell	41
M Saxelby c Kersey b M P Bicknell	5
S D Birbeck c Kersey b Nowell	10
†D G C Ligertwood not out	26
J Boiling lbw b Benjamin	1
S J E Brown lbw b Hollioake	26
J P Searle b Hollioake	0
Extras (lb 2, w 3, nb 14)	20
Total	224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-22, 3-78, 4-121, 5-149, 6-154, 7-163, 8-174, 9-224.

BOWLING: Benjamin 20-3-64-2, M P Bicknell 18-8-32-3, Nowell 32.3-9-71-3, Pigott 11-2-26-0, Hollioake 4-1-7-2, Butcher 3-0-21-0.

SURREY: First Innings 652 for 9 dec (M A Butcher 167, A J Stewart 151, A J Hollioake 83, G P Thorpe 62, G J Kersey 55).

Umpires: J H Harris and V A Holder.

Worcs v Middlesex

WORCESTER (final day of four): Middlesex (24pts) beat Worcestershire (4) by an innings and 30 runs

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 193 (G A Hick 59, M A Feltham 4 for 55, A R C Fraser 4 for 40)

Second Innings

W P C Weston c Brown b Tufnell	14
*T S Curtis lbw b Fraser	8
T M Moody not out	90
G R Haynes lbw b Fraser	1
D A Leatherdale lbw b Feltham	7
†S J Rhodes c Brown b Nash	2
S R Lampitt lbw b Feltham	31
P J Newport c Pooley b Feltham	6
R K Illingworth c Emburey b Fraser	7
A Wylie c Brown b Fraser	0
G A Hick absent injured	0
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 2)	4
Total	170

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-25, 3-33, 4-48, 5-55, 6-142, 7-152, 8-165, 9-170.

BOWLING: Fraser 19.4-4-52-4; Nash 17-1-64-1; Tufnell 3-1-15-1, Feltham 13-5-27-3; Emburey 2-0-11-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 393 (J C Pooley 121, K R Brown 99, M W Gatting 70, P J Newport 5 for 83).

Umpires: D J Constant and P Willey.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Chelmsford: Essex 158; Sussex 162-1 (J A North 101 not out). Cheltenham (Dowty Arle Court): Surrey 331-9dec (N Shahid 122); Gloucestershire 56-2. Finchampstead: Hampshire 404-5dec (P R Whitaker 144, K D James 108 not out); Nottinghamshire 10-0. Uxbridge: Middlesex 402-7dec (K P Dutch 104, P Fairbrace 87); Leicestershire 18-0. Taunton: Glamorgan 439-7dec (A J Dalton 129, A Roseberry 69, A D Shaw 63); Somerset 86-0. Coventry and North Warwicks: Warwickshire 318 (M J Powell 82, A F Giles 73); Durham 31-0. Harrogate: Derbyshire 427-8 (M R May 173 not out, P Aldred 78, W A Dessaur 73, A C Cottam 72) v Yorkshire.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Tysons Construction PLC
Registered number 1203072
Nature of business Construction
Trade classification 25
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s) 9 May 1995
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s) Lloyds Bank plc
Names of administrative receivers I C Powell G C Horsfield and A J P Brereton
Office Holder No.(s) 7852 5599 and 5684
Addresses York House York Street Manchester M2 4WS

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

The 166th Annual General Meeting of the Society for 1994 will be held in the Church House Conference Centre, Westminster, London SW1P 3NZ from 10.30 am to 1 pm on Saturday, 24th June 1995 to receive and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 1994 and any approved Motion, notice of which shall have been sent to the Director General at the Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1HG, not later than Friday, 2nd June 1995. Applications for admission cards by members should be made to the Director General, RSPCA, Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1HG.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 002136 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF RETIREMENT SECURITY LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 AND 1989

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of JUstice (Chancery Division) dated 26th April 1995 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £2,493,537 to £284,000 and the cancellation of the share premium account of the above-named Company and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 29th April 1995.
Dated the 16th day of May 1995
Hunt & Co
36-36 Guild Street
Stratford upon Avon
Warwickshire
Solicitors for the above-named Company

LIGHOLT COLOUR LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above named Company are required, on or before 16th June, 1995, to send their names and addresses to the undersigned, Mr. Panos Eliades, of Messrs. Panos Eliades, Franklin & Co., 6, Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1A 2LP., Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are by their Solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 9th May, 1996.
PANOS ELIADES,
LIQUIDATOR.

LEGAL NOTICES

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German City Estates N.V. established at Amsterdam

Notice is hereby given at the annual general meeting of shareholders held on 11 May 1995 the dividend for the year 1994 was fixed at Dfl 0.65 per share of Dfl 5.00 nominal value.

The dividend of Dfl 0.65 in cash less 25% dividend tax will be payable as from 23 May 1995 at any office of Internationale Nederlanden Bank N.V.

Cash dividends on shares in K form will be paid in exchange for coupon number 3. Those holding CF shares may claim dividends through the holder of the dividend coupon sheet.

Amsterdam, 11th May 1995
The Board of Directors

QUANTUM DESIGN & MARKETING LIMITED
Trading as SPLASH The Insolvency Act 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of Quantum Design & Marketing Limited will be held at Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1 6HZ, on Wednesday the 24th day of May 1995 at 10.45 am, for the purposes provided for in Sections 98, 100 and 101A. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, during business hours on the 22nd and 23rd days of May 1995 at the offices of Begbie Norton & Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1 6HZ Dated this 9th day of May 1995 By Order of the Board S.J. BLOW, Director.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
T.L. DISTRIBUTION LIMITED
Registered number: 02461723
Former company name: Keymind Limited
Nature of business: Retailers of sports equipment
Trade classification: 22
Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 9 May 1995
Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminister Bank Plc, Tony Mitchell and Anthony J Galloway
Joint Administrative Receivers office holder numbers 8903 and 9963
Address: BDO Binder Hayward Beneficial Building 28 Paradise Circus Birmingham B1 2BJ

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
(pursuant to section 46(1) Insolvency Act 1986
and rule 3.2 Insolvency Rules 1986)
Company name Amacroft Limited
Registered number 1889974
Administrative receivers Names AB Thompson and MA Hatley
Address PO Box 730 20 Farringdon Street London EC4A 4PP
Date of appointment 10 May 1995
By whom appointed Lloyds Bank Plc
Type and date of instrument of appointment Debenture dated 27 April 1995

IMAGESOLVE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: On 28 April 1995 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and John Roger Hill of Arthur Andersen, Abbots House, Abbey Street, Reading, RG1 3BD was appointed Liquidator by the Members. The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to John Roger Hill, Arthur Andersen, Abbots House, Abbey Street, Reading, RG1 3BD by 9 July, 1995. The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 9 July, 1995 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved. The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full. Dated 10 May 1995 John R. Hill, Liquidator.

No. 002681-95
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE OLIVER GROUP PLC AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on Thursday 27 April 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share capital of the above-named Company from £9,650,000 to £8,500,000
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 24 May 1995, ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the share capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for the purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 16th day of May 1995.
LOVELL WHITE DURRANT
65 Holborn Viaduct
London EC1A 2DY
Solicitors for the above-mentioned Company

The Insolvency Act 1986
S & S (NO 2) LIMITED
S & S (NO 3) LIMITED
S & S (NO 4) LIMITED
S & S (NO 5) LIMITED
S & S (NO 6) LIMITED
S & S (NO 7) LIMITED
S & S (NO 9) LIMITED
S & S (NO 10) LIMITED
S & S PROVINCIAL GROUP PLC
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that meetings of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London, W1H 3FF on 6th June 1995 at 10.15am, 11.00am, 11.45am, 12.30pm, 1.15pm, 2.00pm, 2.45pm, 3.15pm and 3.45pm respectively for the purposes provided for in the Section 98 et seq. A list of the names and addresses of the above Companies Creditors can be inspected at offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London, W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meetings of Creditors. Dated this 11th May 1995 A M JANS, Director.

BRAND MARKETING SERVICES LIMITED (COMPANY NUMBER. 2768440)
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANY
On 11 May 1995 the above company was placed in members voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A/61 that he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 9 July, 1995 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved. The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full. Dated 10 May 1995 John R. Hill, Liquidator.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified, after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice

WHITESMAN, MINNIE. 64 Broom Lane, Salford 7, died 31st December 1994; particulars to Livingstone & Company, solicitors, National House, 64 Bridge Street, Manchester, M3 3BN before 28th July 1995.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE OXFORD COUNTY COURT IN BANKRUPTCY NO 263 OF 1994 RE: ROBERT JOEL MONTAGUE OF PUSEY HOUSE, PUSEY, NR. FARINGDON, OXON. OCCUPATION: FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF CENTRAL TRANSPORT RENTALS PLC. I, Maurice Withall of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London NW1 2EP, hereby give notice that I have been duly appointed and certified by the Department of Trade as trustee of the estate of the above named bankrupt. All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver them to me and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me. Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs of debt to me. DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF MAY 1995. M C Withall Trustee

Penlos Plc (In Administrative Receivership)
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at 20 Farringdon Street, London on 30 May 1995 at 10.00 am for the purpose of receiving the report of the Administrative Receivers and, if thought fit, appointing a creditor's committee. A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to be at the above address by close of business on 26 May 1995 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Date 12 May 1995
SS James
Joint Administrative Receiver

Berg Hue Europe Limited - In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, G. W. Rhodes, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Associates, 2/3 Pavilion Buildings, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1EE, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 9th May 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address. All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given. DATED THIS 9th May 1995 G. W. Rhodes, FCA. Liquidator.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer South — Love all — Rubber bridge

	♠K 10 3 ♥K Q 4 ♦9 6 ♣A 8 6 4 3	
♠Q J 9 4 ♥J 9 7 ♦10 4 ♣K J 10 2	W E S	♠A 8 7 6 2 ♥A 8 5 2 ♦3 2 ♣7 5
	♠5 ♥10 6 3 ♦A K Q J 8 7 5 ♣Q 9	

S	W	N	E
3 NT (1)	Pass	Pass (2)	Pass

Contract: 3 NT by South. Opening lead: Queen of spades

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

(1) Nowadays, an opening bid of 3 NT shows a solid seven- or eight-card minor suit with, at most, a queen outside. If you have a balanced 25-count you start with Two Clubs.

(2) If North had say: ♠Q 9 3 ♥J 3 2 ♦9 5 ♣K J 6 4 3 he would remove 3 NT to Four Diamonds, because he could tell that the defence could take enough tricks in the side suits to beat 3 NT. As it is he has enough bits and pieces to make 3 NT a reasonable prospect.

What should the declarer do on the queen of spades lead?

At the table the declarer covered the queen with the king, to prevent the defence from making more than two immediate spade tricks. When East won the the ace of spades it was not too difficult to switch to a club — he could see that if he played a spade the declarer would have one spade and one club trick to go with his presumed seven diamond tricks. South tried the queen of clubs, but could not now prevent the defence from taking in all two spade tricks, two clubs tricks and a heart trick.

The correct line is to play low on the queen of spades. Unless West has found a very clever lead, he is marked with the jack. A black suit continuation gives the declarer his ninth trick, and against a passive diamond, the declarer immediately plays a heart to set up his ninth trick.

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund is holding An Evening Of Bridge at The Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London, on 22nd of May. The host is Zia Mahmood. Tickets £90 per pair including buffet dinner (black tie). Details from Susie Corker, tel 0171-269-3178.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CERIMON
a. A cheeky servant
b. A noble doctor
c. A young lover

HELENUS
a. A peace-loving priest
b. A war-loving lord
c. A young lover

PAGE
a. A pert courtier
b. A jolly citizen
c. A young lover

BASSANIUS
a. A Venetian merchant
b. A generous host
c. A selfish lover

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's revenge

In the Amsterdam tournament Garry Kasparov has swept into the lead at the half-way stage. In round three he won a fierce counter-attacking game against the Bulgarian Grandmaster Veselin Topalov. The champion thus avenged his defeat at Topalov's hands in the chess Olympiad in Moscow last December.

White: Veselin Topalov
Black: Garry Kasparov
Amsterdam, May 1995

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	e6
5	Nc3	d6
6	Be3	Nf6
7	f3	Be7
8	g4	0-0
9	Qd2	a6
10	0-0-0	Nxd4
11	Bxd4	b5
12	Kb1	Bb7
13	h4	Rc8
14	g5	Nd7
15	Rg1	b4
16	Ne2	Ne5
17	Rg3	Nc4
18	Qc1	a5
19	Bf2	a5
20	Bg2	Ba6
21	Re1	a4
22	Bh3	Rc6
23	Qd1	d5
24	exd5	Rd6
25	f4	Rxd5
26	Rd3	Na3+
27	bxa3	Bxd3
28	cxd3	Rxd3

White resigns

Polgar wins

Having already defeated Nigel Short, Judith Polgar, 18, annihilated the Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman in round five of the Madrid tournament. Viktor Korchnoi, 64, leads with four points.

White: Jan Timman
Black: Judith Polgar
Madrid, May 1995

Pirc Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	g6
3	g3	Bg7
4	Bg2	0-0
5	0-0	d6
6	Nc3	Nbd7
7	e4	e5
8	h3	c6
9	Re1	b5
10	dxe5	dxe5
11	Qd6	Bb7
12	Bg5	Re8
13	Rad1	Qb6
14	Be3	Qa5
15	a3	Rad8
16	Nd2	Bf8
17	Nb3	Qa6
18	Qd3	Bc8
19	Rd2	Qb7
20	Red1	Nb6
21	Qe2	Rxd2
22	Nxd2	Be6
23	f4	Bg7
24	Of2	Oc8
25	Kh2	exf4
26	gxf4	Qc7
27	Bxb6	axb6
28	e5	Nh5
29	Nde4	Nxf4
30	Nd6	Bxe5

White resigns

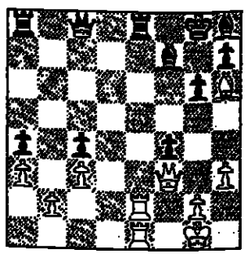
White has fallen into a diabolical trap. After his intended 31 Nxe8 the response 31 . . . Nxh3+ wins White's queen with check.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Borocz - Horvath, Budapest, 1995. Black has just carelessly captured a piece on f4 and thus fallen for a trap. How did White now close the net around the black king?



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Salmon Ladder to spawn Derby hopes

By Julian Muscat

AS THE executive at Epsom racecourse yesterday unveiled the site of their new paddock, the search goes on for horses to fill it on Derby day.

Paul Cole holds one possible trump in Salmon Ladder, a contestant for the Dante Stakes at York tomorrow. But the Whatcombe trainer is less than enamoured with the Kempton stewards, who, in banning Cole's stable jockey, Richard Quinn, for irresponsible riding last week, have deprived Salmon Ladder of his intended pilot.

The dilemma does not concern the ability of Quinn's replacement. Pat Eddery is more than competent, but a good run will see Salmon Ladder line up for the Derby with Quinn only having ridden the colt to defeat on his racecourse debut last season.

"It has put me in an unenviable position, especially as the ban wasn't warranted in the first place," Cole said of the Kempton incident. Riding Farani, Quinn was adjudged responsible for deliberately cutting across Nightscene, ridden by Tony Clark.

"The fact is that Nightscene missed the break and was behind Richard when he moved across," Cole continued. "The only way Richard could have avoided it is if he had eyes in the back of his head. He doesn't, so he gets a four-day ban. The whole thing is totally illogical."

Quinn declined to appeal against the ban but Cole declared of the appeal process: "It is not worth it. You go up to London, miss a whole day's racing and rarely get it overturned. Tony Clark told me he apportioned no blame to my jockey. These are four very important days Richard will be missing."

Quinn's solitary experience aboard Salmon Ladder saw the combination beaten when they raced down the stands' side at Salisbury last season. Salomn Ladder finished clear of the group on his side but only third in the race, which developed on the far rail. Ray Cochrane was on board when Salmon Ladder, a 10-1 chance for the Derby, won by seven lengths at York in October.

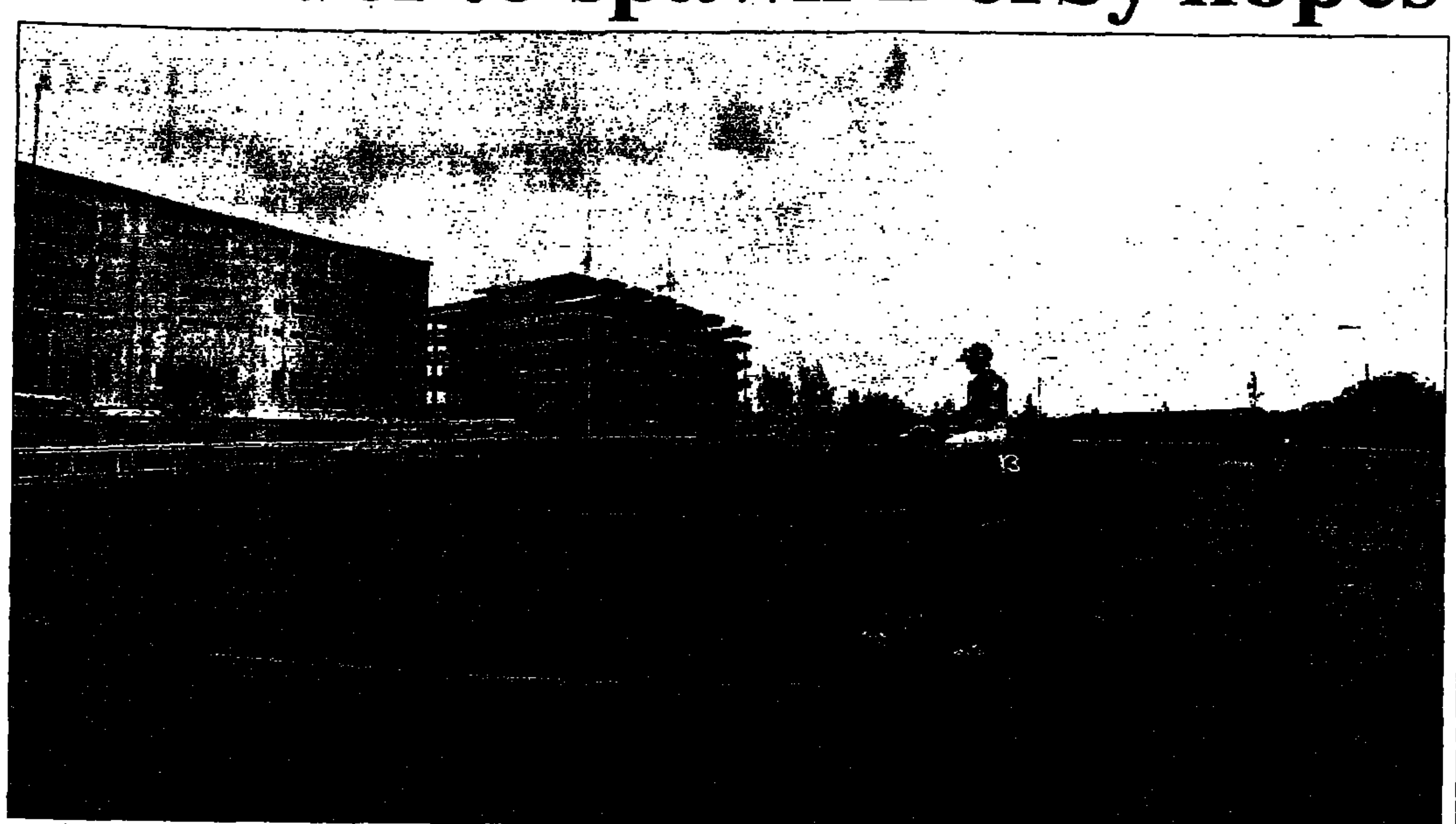
Cole, not to mention Peter Savill, who owns Celtic Swing, would have been pleased to see the Epsom watering system working in full flow yesterday, as it has been, virtually uninterrupted, since May 2. It is now four weeks since it rained in that part of Surrey.

Nevertheless, Nigel Thornton, the new head groundsman at Epsom, maintained he was confident of achieving good going on June 10. "The course has never been watered after the first day of the meeting but the will is there to do it if we believe it necessary," Thornton said.

Close to £200,000 has been spent on relocating the paddock, which, in previous years, was situated half a mile away from the stands. The size of the paddock, to be used solely for the Derby meeting, is marginally bigger than that at Sandown.

Temporary stands will provide viewing for 3,000 racegoers. The whole structure will be dismantled after the three-day meeting and the area returned to its use as a car park.

"The paddock location was identified as the biggest problem in trying to provide racegoers with a high-quality visit," said Christopher Spence, chairman of the Epsom Race Committee.



Philip Mitchell's Murphy's Run parades around Epsom's new paddock, relocated behind the grandstands. Photograph: Julian Herbert

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PURE GRAIN
(3.40 York)

Next best: Access Adventurer
(4.10 York)

Pure Grain can lift Musidora

YORK C4



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.35: The breeding of **Candle Smile** — by a Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner, out of a ten-race winning dam who scored over an extended mile at two — suggests he is crying out for this kind of stamina test.

On his seasonal reappearance at Newbury last month, the Michael Stoute-trained colt stepped up noticeably on his only run last year when travelling well for a long way behind Tamure (winner since) until unable to quicken two furlongs out. This trip and galloping track should be ideal.

Stelvio, winner of his only start at two, is the obvious danger but he disappointed at Newbury behind Posidonas where he was soon tapped for speed. Henry Cecil's colt will also appreciate the longer trip.

3.05: There will be bags of pace in this race, with front runners like Lord Olivier, Palacegate Touch, Roger The Butler and Celestial Key, which should favour horses with medium to high stall numbers. **Venture Capitalist**, winner of the Wokingham last year, is not the best handicapped horse here but the race is likely to be set up perfectly for David Nicholls's sprinter. He is at his best when coming with a late challenge off a strong pace and is ideally placed in stall eight.

Charles Cyzer had this race mapped out for Master Planner and was a shade surprised when his fast-ground loving six-year-old won on his seasonal debut at Newmarket. He is sure to have come on since that run and is the main danger.

3.40: **Pure Grain** is a confident choice on her seasonal reappearance. Held in high regard at home, she possesses a good turn of foot which saw her win the Prestige Stakes in taking style at Goodwood last term. She subsequently disappointed behind Aqaarid in the Fillies' Mile but there were genuine excuses for that run. Musetta, who finished just behind Pure Grain in that race, is weighted to finish ahead here but Clive Brittain's recent Newmarket winner does not have the scope of the selection.

4.10: The gelding of **Access Adventurer** over the winter prompted his best ever run at Newmarket nine days ago when staying on well behind Herr Tigger. Today's extra two furlongs should see more improvement and Ron Boss's lightly raced four-year-old can oblige off a favourable handicap mark.

RICHARD EVANS

YORK

THUNDERER

2.00 Desert Tiger
2.35 STELVIO (nap)
3.05 Palacegate Touch
3.40 Pure Grain
4.10 Credit Squeeze
4.40 Maralinga

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
4.40 **MARALINGA.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 Pure Grain. 4.10 Godwin.
4.40 **MARALINGA** (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND ZETLAND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,163: 5f) (8 runners)

101 (7) AMANITA (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-11 ... M J Kinane –
102 (6) DESERT TIGER (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Johnston 8-11 ... W R Swinburn –
103 (2) HIGH CUT (J Smith) I Balding 8-11 ... L Dettori –
104 (8) OATEY (R Barnett) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 ... K Fallon –
105 (4) QUEEN'S INSIGNIA (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn –
106 (1) 2 ROSES IN THE SNOW 18 (G Howard-Spink) J Hills 8-11 ... R Hills 89
107 (3) ROTHLEY IMP (Crown Racing) J Wharton 8-11 ... K Darley –
108 (5) 03 TROPICAL DANCE 10 (G Ward) Mrs J Cecil 8-11 ... J Reid 92

BETTING: 5-2 Queen's Insignia, 7-2 Desert Tiger, 4-1 Roses In The Snow, 9-2 Tropical Dance, 6-1 High Cut, 8-1 Oatey, 10-1 others

1994: MILLSTREAM 8-11 J Weaver (2-1 fav) M Johnston 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMANITA (foaled 19th March) by Lead On Time: dam, a 5f winning juvenile who won at 1m at three years. DESERT TIGER (19Apr) by Green Desert: dam, placed as a juvenile in France. HIGH CUT (26Mar) by Dashing Blade: dam, half-sister to classy sprinter Blue Siren, placed over middle-distances at three years. OATEY (23Apr) by Master Willie: dam, a half-sister to several winners, most notably multi middle-distance winner Hateel, a modest juvenile maiden. QUEEN'S INSIGNIA (1Mar, cost 6800gns) by Gold Crest, dam, half-sister to useful miler Ionishowen, unraced.
ROSES IN THE SNOW ½l 2nd of 12 to Flying Squaw in maiden auction at Sandown (5f, good). TROPICAL DANCE 1½l 3rd of 6 to Lucky Lionel in maiden at Newmarket (5f, good to firm).
Selection: ROSES IN THE SNOW

2.35 SOTHEBY'S SLEDMERE CONDITIONS STAKES C4 (3-Y-O: £4,931: 1m 5f 194yd) (7 runners)

201 (4) 16033-1 WOT-IF-WE 20 (G,S) (B Merrick) T Mills 9-1 ... J Carroll 97
202 (6) 5120-03 GREAT CRUSADER 10 (G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-13 ... J Weaver 97
203 (5) 0540-14 LORD JIM 24 (S) (Mrs S Thomas) Miss G Kelleway 8-13 ... R Cochrane 88
204 (1) 1-4 STELVIO 24 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-13 ... M J Kinane 95
205 (7) 0-4 CANDLE SMILE 25 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 99
206 (3) 53 CYPRESS AVENUE 9 (C Spencer-Phillips) R Hannon 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 95
207 (2) 0-6 TORCH VERT 28 (J Hanson) B Hills 8-11 ... M Hills 86

BETTING: 6-4 Stelvio, 5-2 Candle Smile, 4-1 Wot-If-We, 7-1 Great Crusader, 12-1 Lord Jim, 14-1 Cypress Avenue, 16-1 Torch Vert.

1994: BLAAZING JOE 8-13 T Quinn (16-1) P Cole 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

WOT-IF-WE beat Dreamer a neck in 6-runner conditions race at Catterick (1m 4f, good). GREAT CRUSADER 6l 3rd of 4 to Tamure in conditions race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). LORD JIM beat Arctic Charmer 9l in 6-runner maiden at Leicester (1m 4f, soft) on penultimate start. STELVIO 5½l 4th of 8 to Posidonas in conditions race at Newbury (1m 3f, good) with GREAT CRUSADER 9½l 6th. CANDLE SMILE 4½l 4th of 15 to Tamure in maiden at Newbury (1m 3f, good to firm) with CYPRESS AVENUE 5l 5th. TORCH VERT 16½l 6th of 12 to Sebastian in maiden at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: STELVIO

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	9	34	26.5	Pat Eddery	38	189	20.1
P Cole	15	63	23.8	M Fenton	3	15	20.0
Lady Herries	4	17	23.5	L Dettori	28	168	16.7
H Cecil	22	94	23.4	W Ryan	11	75	14.7
R Boss	3	15	20.0	T Quinn	10	89	11.2
W Hern	4	22	18.2	M Hills	9	84	10.7
J Dunlop	13	74	17.6	J Reid	12	119	10.1

3.05 PAUL CADDICK AND MACGAY SPRINT TROPHY RATED HANDICAP C4 (3-Y-O: £11,802: 6f) (13 runners)

301 (1) 250-450 HARD TO FIGURE 13 (D,F,G,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 9-9-7 ... R Cochrane 94
302 (2) 121-304 BRANSTON ABBY 17 (CD,F,G,S) (J Abell) M Johnston 6-9-7 ... J Reid 91
303 (7) 34000-1 MASTER PLANNER 9 (CD,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 6-9-5 ... K Darley 92
304 (8) 00-6414 VENTURE CAPITALIST 8 (D,F,G) (W Sykes) D Nicholls 6-9-3 ... Alex Greaves 92
305 (9) 200540- ROGER THE BUTLER 213 (CD,F,G,S) (M Hawtin) M Bell 5-9-2 ... M Fenton 92
306 (12) 531126- SHEILA'S SECRET 242 (BF,G,S) (Sherwoods Transport Ltd) T Mills 5-9-1 G Carter 91
307 (10) 14351-4 MONAASSIB 24 (D,F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-8-13 ... W R Swinburn 89
308 (4) 4/03-006 CALL ME I'M BLUE 25 (D,G,S) (Harsh (Tipping Gears)) N Tinkler 5-8-12 M Tebbutt 86
309 (6) 0442-60 LORD OLIVIER 9 (D,F,G) (Mrs V Jarvis) W Jarvis 5-8-10 ... N Varley (5) 91
310 (5) 0402-15 PALACEGATE TOUCH 29 (V,D,G,S) (Palacegate Corp) J Berry 5-8-9 ... J Carroll 99
311 (3) 0400-00 AMRON 28 (D,F,G,S) (R Peebles) J Berry 8-8-9 ... N Carlisle 90
312 (11) 450/046 SNIPE HALL 9 (D,F,G,S) (F Adams) T Watson 4-8-9 ... Dean McKeown 87
313 (13) 60000-0 CELESTIAL KEY 10 (D,F,G) (M Brodrick) M Johnston 5-8-7 ... D Holland 96

BETTING: 6-1 Master Planner, Roger The Butler, 7-1 Venture Capitalist, Celestial Key, Palacegate Touch, 8-1 Monaassib, Lord Olivier, 11-1 Snipe Hall, 12-1 Hard To Figure, Branston Abby, 16-1 others.

1994: ROGER THE BUTLER 4-8-9 M Fenton (20-1) M Bell 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

HARD TO FIGURE 6¾l 5th of 11 to Lake Coniston in listed race at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start with BRANSTON ABBY (5lb worse off) 8¾l 8th. MASTER PLANNER beat Alzianah ½l in 10-runner handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). VENTURE CAPITALIST beat Lago di Varano 1¾l in 7-runner conditions race at Thirsk (6f, good) on penultimate start with MONAASSIB (4lb better off) 6l 4th and LORD OLIVIER (3lb better off) 6½l 6th. ROGER THE BUTLER 3½l 4th of 9 to Eveningperformance in listed race at Newmarket (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: ROGER THE BUTLER

3.40 TATTERSALLS MUSIDORA STAKES C4 (Group III: 3-Y-O fillies: £22,141: 1m 2f 85yd) (5 runners)

401 (5) 3321-46 GERMANE 9 (BF,F) (E Kessly) M Bell 8-10 ... M Fenton 95
402 (2) 21314- PURE GRAIN 234 (BF,F,G) (R Barnett) M Stoute 8-10 ... J Reid 90
403 (4) 3- CARAMBA 221 (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-8 ... Pat Eddery 73
404 (3) 6215-01 MUSETTA 9 (D,F,S) (B Veali) C Brittain 8-8 ... B Doyle 99
405 (1) 00- SPARROWHAWK 206 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-8 ... M Hills 71

BETTING: 7-4 Pure Grain, 9-4 Musetta, 4-1 Germane, 5-1 Caramba, 10-1 Sparrowhawk.

1994: HAWAJISS 8-10 W R Swinburn (7-1) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GERMANE 5l 4th of 8 to Mycall in group III Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PURE GRAIN 2¾l 4th of 9 to Aqaarid in group I Fillies' Mile at Ascot (1m, good to soft) with MUSETTA (2lb better off) head 5th. CARAMBA 1¼l 3rd of 4 to Kayrawan in maiden at Ascot (6f, good to firm). MUSETTA beat Fanfica ¾l in 8-runner listed race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm) with GERMANE (2lb better off) 9l 6th. SPARROWHAWK 9½l 7th of 9 to Circa in listed race at Newbury (7f 110yd, heavy).
Selection: MUSETTA

4.10 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION INSURANCE SERVICES HANDICAP C4 (£7,635: 1m 3f 195yd) (10 runners)

501 (3) 14210-6 ARCTIC THUNDER 9 (CD,G) (P Savill) Lady Herries 4-10-0 ... K Darley 90
502 (6) 12600-2 GEORGE DILLINGHAM 20 (V,F,G) (J Blair) Denys Smith 5-9-10 ... J Carroll 97
503 (8) 6010-00 ENDLESS LIGHT 9 (D,F,G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 4-9-9 ... T Quinn 94
504 (7) 2-21 GODWIN 17 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-9-3 ... M J Kinane 92
505 (9) 25203-1 BLUE BLAZER 8 (D,G,S) (McHalaper Syndicate) B Hanbury 5-9-1 (5ex) J Stack (5) 92
506 (5) 35540/0 HIGHBROOK 9 (D,G) (N Cook) M Tompkins 7-8-13 ... P Robinson –
507 (2) 03-0131 CREDIT SQUEEZE 12 (D,F,G) (R Naylor) R Johnson Houghton 5-8-13 ... J Quinn 99
508 (4) 0/0610-3 ACCESS ADVENTURER 9 (G) (Miss E Williams) R Boss 4-8-5 ... W Ryan 98
509 (1) 213126- CHANTRY BEATH 141J (D,G,S) (Racegoers Lodge) C Thornton 4-8-1 A Mackay 92
510 (10) 0000-00 GALLARDINI 6J (G,S) (S Hudson) B Rothwell 6-7-13 ... N Varley (5) –

BETTING: 3-1 Godwin, 7-2 Arctic Thunder, 9-2 Access Adventurer, 11-2 Credit Squeeze, 7-1 George Dillingham, Blue Blazer, 12-1 Endless Light, 14-1 others.

1994: IN THE MONEY 5-9-0 L Dettori (7-1) R Hollinshead 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARCTIC THUNDER 7¾l 6th of 11 to Parthian Springs in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). GODWIN beat Hagwah neck in 12-runner maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, good to firm). BLUE BLAZER beat Southern Power head in 7-runner handicap at Newcastle (1m 4f 110yd, good). CREDIT SQUEEZE beat Mr Browning 1¾l in 18-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to firm). ACCESS ADVENTURER 3¾l 3rd of 20 to Herr Trigger in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: ACCESS ADVENTURER (nap)

4.40 FITZWILLIAM RATED HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £8,097: 1m 2f 85yd) (7 runners)

601 (6) 1332-42 DAHIK 12 (F) (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 9-7 ... W Carson 84
602 (2) 01-0 TAIPAN 31 (S) (Lord Swaythling) J Dunlop 8-13 ... T Quinn 83
603 (7) 5013-13 MARALINGA 7 (D,G) (D R & Mrs J Olivert) M Bell 8-13 ... M Fenton 99
604 (5) 041-6 MYRTLE QUEST 25 (F) (Miss M Sheriff) R Charlton 8-7 ... Pat Eddery 88
605 (3) 341- GREENSPAN 190 (G) (Mrs H Lavy) W Muir 8-7 ... J Weaver –
606 (1) 21340-2 EIGHT SHARP 17 (S) (J Lent) B Hills 8-7 ... M Hills 84
607 (4) 435100- ROMIOS 192 (S) (C Shacolas) P Cole 8-7 ... C Teague (5) 88

Long handicap: Greenspan 8-6, Eight Sharp 8-5, Romios 7-13.

BETTING: 5-4 Maralinga, 7-2 Myrtle Quest, 5-1 Taipan, 6-1 Dahik, Eight Sharp, 8-1 Greenspan, 25-1 Romios.

1994: MYSTIC HILL 8-7 R Cochrane (8-1) R Charlton 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

DAHIK 5l 2nd of 4 to Precede in Salisbury conditions race (1m 2f, good to firm). TAIPAN 7½l 8th of 10 to Presenting in Kempton conditions race (1m 2f, good to firm). MARALINGA 1l 3rd of 7 to Luso in group III Dalham Chester Vase at Chester (1m 4f 110yd, good to firm). MYRTLE QUEST beat Dances With Hooves 2l in Nottingham maiden (1m, good to firm). EIGHT SHARP 6l 2nd of 3 to Meraja in Ripon handicap (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: MARALINGA

Weatherbys reveals £700,000 profit

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

WEATHERBYS, the family-run firm which has helped to administer day-to-day racing for two centuries, broke new ground yesterday by publishing accounts and profits figures for the first time.

The secrecy which until now has surrounded the financial results of the Wellingborough-based company has prompted speculation from critics that it was making an unduly large profit at the expense of racing — and owners in particular.

However, the figures released yesterday show Weatherbys total pre-tax profit for 1994 amounted to just under £700,000 — equivalent to a six per cent return on capital. Admittedly, those returns were less than for 1993 but the past 12 months have seen a dramatic reorganisation and investment at Wellingborough which reflect the radical changes taking place within the company.

Weatherbys suffered not that long ago from a quill-pen image and while that has been swept away in recent years, an existing £1 million investment programme in new computer hardware and programmes underlines the company's commitment to new technology.

The benefits include the ability to produce racecards with jockeys' colours at the overnight stage and much improved statistical information for the British Horseracing Board (BHB) and other users. The changes preceded negotiations taking place with the BHB over a new five-year contract.

Johnny Weatherby, the company's chairman, said yesterday: "This is all part of our ongoing drive to be open and accountable; to be seen as an important and contributing part of the industry and continuously to improve the service we offer our clients."

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THUNDERER
1.45 Nordic Crown. 2.15 Nomadic Fire. 2.50 Corrin Hill. 3.20 Pats Minstrel. 3.55 Sophism. 4.25 Nudge Double Up. 4.55 Speedwell Prince.

Brian Beel: 4.25 Nudge Double Up.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.45 STATUS NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,425: 2m 110yd) (15 runners)

1 U083 FLINTLOCK 29 N Henderson 5-11-7 ... M Lane (7) 84
2 0- ESTHAL 16P (B) A Barrow 5-11-4 ... B Clifford –
3 50- JOBINGO 398 G Price 7-11-4 ... Guy Lewis (5) –
4 4008 BARBARY REEF 8 H Manners 7-11-2 ... M Appleby (7) 72
5 1060 GUNMAKER 25 (D,S) B Llewellyn 6-11-2 Mr J L Llewellyn (5) 87
6 FAEZ 99F Mrs A Knight 5-11-0 ... D Matthews (5) –
7 2006 SYMBOL OF SUCCESS 34 (V) D Williams 4-10-13 A P McCoy 98
8 00PP BOLT OF GOLD 13 L Waring 7-10-11 ... M Griffiths (7) –
9 P-60 KILLY'S FILLY 12F J Bradley 5-10-11 ... R Farrant –
10 3023 NORTHERN STARLIGHT 18 P Nicholls 4-10-11 ... C Maude 91
11 B DOME PATROL 27 C Popham 4-10-9 ... T Murphy (7) –
12 P0P4 SHEFFORD 8 (B) M Keenor 5-10-9 ... Mr T Greed –
13 0P00 OLD MASTER 18 R Baker 4-10-7 ... B Powell 81
14 00 FINAL CHUKKA 88 C James 4-10-6 ... S McNeill –
15 4004 NORDIC CROWN 10 (V,D,G,S) M Pipe 4-10-4 ... R Dunwoody 99

7-4 Nordic Crown, 3-1 Northern Starlight, 8-1 Symbol Of Success, 10-1 others.

2.15 CHEF'S LARDER NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,960: 3m) (10)

1 6R02 BANNTOWN BILL 8 (V,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 93
2 32U3 DOCS DILEMMA 14 (F) K Bailey 6-11-7 ... N Williamson 89
3 0U5P FOXGROVE 34 (F,G) T Forster 9-10-13 ... Jodie Mogford (7) 84
4 4524 MANOR RHYME 13 J McConnochie 8-10-4 ... S McNeill 98
5 4P45 DEVIOSITY 13 (F,G) N Ayliffe 8-10-4 ... B Powell 84
6 0311 NOMADIC FIRE 50 (G,S) J Mullins 5-10-3 ... D Bridgwater 98
7 2FP4 WATERMEAD 14 (BF,F) C Mann 10-10-2 ... J Railton 99
8 PP31 PADDY IN PARIS 18 (D,F) J Needham 12-10-1 ... A P McCoy 95
9 24U3 KETFORD BRIDGE 14 R Dickin 8-10-0 ... D Meredith 88
10 /P-6 TOM PENNY 47 Mrs R Harry 13-10-0 ... Miss P Jones –

5-2 Docs Dilemma, 3-1 Banntown Bill, 6-1 Foxgrove, Nomadic Fire, 7-1 others.

2.50 CREMANAZE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,066: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 244- MISS EQUILIA 24P (D,F,BF,G,S) Mrs L Murphy 9-11-10 ... D Bohan (7) 93
2 /50 POLLOCK 18 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Womacott 12-11-7 ... Mr B Pollock (7) –
3 5P50 CELCIUS 18 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 11-11-6 ... R Dunwoody 87
4 0280 CORRIN HILL 18 (F,S) R Hodges 8-11-4 ... M A Fitzgerald 93
5 43P0 FICHU 17 (D,F) G Thorner 7-11-0 ... N Williamson 86
6 -020 NO BONUS 187 (D,F) R Baker 11-10-5 ... B Powell 87
7 4546 MISSED THE BOAT 7 (B) N Ayliffe 5-10-3 ... Guy Lewis (5) 86
8 0005 DONTDRESSFORDINNER 18 D R Tucker 5-10-2 ... S McNeill 99
9 30-4 PIGALLE WONDER 10 R O'Sullivan 7-10-0 ... D O'Sullivan 84
10 2000 PASSING PLAYER 34 F Jordan 4-10-0 ... J Lodder 84
11 0300 ALDWICK COLONNADE 4 M Usher 8-10-0 ... W Marston 98
12 -PP0 LICENCE TO KILL 18 N Mitchell 6-10-0 ... D Skyrme 83

5-2 Celcius, 6-1 Missed The Boat, 7-1 Miss Equilia, Dontdressfordinner, 10-1 Corrin Hill, Aldwick Colonnade, 12-1 others

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chepstow: 1.45 Esthal, Nordic Crown, Symbol Of Success. 4.55 Roaly Wonoli. York: 4.10 George Dillingham.

3.20 STATUS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,661: 2m 110yd) (3)

1 1101 PATS MINSTREL 31 (B,D,F,G,S) R Champion 10-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald 99
2 6324 DR ROCKET 6 (CD,BF,F,G,S) R Dickin 10-11-4 ... D Meredith 96
3 3142 RATHER SHARP 7 (D,F,S) C Popham 9-10-0 ... N Williamson 88

10-11 Pats Minstrel, 7-4 Dr Rocket, 4-1 Rather Sharp.

3.55 MAY HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,579: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 534P COUTURE STOCKINGS 17 (D,F,G,S) J Mackie 11-11-10 ... N Williamson 98
2 1501 SOPHISM 13 (F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-3 ... R Dunwoody 99
3 3124 SECRET FOUR 19 (D,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-0 ... Mr M Rimell (5) 93
4 03-0 STARSTREAK 17 (D,F) G Balding 8-10-12 ... A P McCoy 83
5 1105 WILKINS 213 (F,G) R O'Sullivan 6-10-2 ... D O'Sullivan 86
6 0042 TIGER CLAW 18 (B,F,G) A Barrow 9-10-0 ... B Clifford 76

6-4 Sophism, 3-1 Couture Stockings, 7-2 Secret Four, 5-1 Wilkins, 8-1 Starstreak, 16-1 Tiger Claw.

4.25 JORROCKS NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,527: 3m) (8)

1 PR04 CARDAN 8 A Shields 9-12-0 ... M Rimell (5) –
2 2P-1 EL MOUSE 24P (S) P Warner 12-12-0 ... S Blackwell (7) –
3 FPP1 J B LAD 17P (G,S) H Tuck 9-12-0 ... Miss P Gundry (7) –
4 P-PU LONGDRUM 17P (G) N Bush 8-12-0 ... S Bush (5) –
5 2U31 MAGNOLIA MAN 8P (F,S) Ms D Cole 9-12-0 ... N Harris (7) 99
6 /P12 NUDGE DOUBLE UP 17P (F,G) H Lavis 10-12-0 ... J Jukes (7) –
7 P4F2 SEAL KING 6 (G,S) L Bowles 10-12-0 ... R Johnson (7) 93
8 P424 DANCING DORIS 15P (F,G) R Smith 11-11-9 G Maundrell (7) –

5-2 Seal King, 3-1 Magnolia Man, 5-1 Nudge Double Up, 6-1 J B Lad, 7-1 Dancing Doris, 10-1 Cardan, 12-1 others.

4.55 BALTYBOYS OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,800: 2m 110yd) (10)

1 0 CAREY'S COTTAGE 47 J Edwards 5-11-0 ... N Williamson –
2 00 DECIDE YOURSELF 71 T Thomson Jones 5-11-0 M A Fitzgerald –
3 00- MY BOY BARNEY 391 A Chamberlain 5-11-0. Mr J Jukes (7) –
4 6 OUTFIELDER 34 Miss R Palman 5-11-0 ... W Humphreys –
5 622 SPEEDWELL PRINCE 10 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 C Llewellyn –
6 0 DISCO'S WELL 20 M Heaton-Ellis 4-10-9 ... D Gallagher –
7 0 MR PERCY 52 R Champion 4-10-9 ... B Powell –
8 52 ROALY WONOLI 8 (B) M Pipe 4-10-9 ... R Dunwoody –
9 000 SWEET ALLEGIANCE 38 R Ledger 5-10-9 ... Mrs N Ledger –
10 00 FORTUNES GLEAM 31 J King 4-10-4 ... G Upton –

6-4 Roaly Wonoli, 7-2 Speedwell Prince, 6-1 Outfielder, 7-1 Fortunes Gleam, 10-1 Decide Yourself, Mr Percy, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 61 winners from 232 runners, 26.3%, N Twiston-Davies, 17 from 88, 19.3%, K Bailey, 3 from 16, 18.8%, J Edwards, 6 from 34, 17.6%, J King, 4 from 23, 17.4%; N Henderson, 6 from 38, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 30 winners from 115 rides, 26.1%, A P McCoy, 3 from 13, 23.1%; N Williamson, 5 from 29, 17.2%; M A Fitzgerald, 8 from 47, 17.0%; C Llewellyn, 14 from 103, 13.6%, D Bridgwater, 6 from 44, 13.6%

□ John Webber, the National Hunt trainer who held a licence for 38 years, died yesterday, aged 69, after a short illness. There will be a family funeral on Thursday.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Redcar

Going: firm

2.15 (7f) 1. ZIFTA (A Mackay, 6-4 jt-fav); 2. Wilshe Gan (J Quinn, 6-4 jt-fav); 3. Cafe Solo (N Kennedy, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Miss Vaxette (4th), 10 Ballard Ring (5th). 5 ran. 3½l, 1½l, sh hd, ½l. S Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £2.60, £1.60, £1.20. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.13.

2.45 (6f) 1. BROCTUNE GOLD (G Parkin, 11-4 fav); 2. Cyrano's Lad (C Dwyer, 8-1); 3. Flashy's Son (M Tebbutt, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Best Kept Secret, 5 Call To The Bar (5th), 11-2 Lady Davenport, 6 Sense Of Priority, 20 Pete Afrique, 33 J C Grey. Top Show (4th), 50 Bonny Melody (6th), Milbank Challenger, Sweet Cheap Pet, 100 Skiptamaloo. 14 ran. 1¾l, 1¼, nk, 1¼l, sh hd. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £3.90; £1.70, £2.20, £3.20. DF: £23.90. Trio: £107.50. CSF: £26.11.

3.15 (1m) 1. TOLLS CHOICE (Ruth Coulter, 7-1); 2. Fiaba (Amanda Sanders, 17-2); 3. Tovarich (Alex Greaves, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Mr Cube, 9-2 Avishayes (6th), 5 Nobby Barnes (4th), 9 Tanseeq (5th), 20 Izza, 33 Brigadore Gold. 9 ran. NR: Mr Slick. 1½l, 3½l, nk, ½l, 1½l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £11.10, £2.00, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £35.20. Trio: £91.90. CSF: £60.75. Tricast: £199.50.

3.45 (5f) 1. PLEASURE TIME (K Darley, 10-11 fav); 2. Gagajulu (T Ives, 7-2); 3. Lucky Bea (L Charnock, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Marketeer Magic (4th), 8 Sovitaka (5th). 5 ran. Sh hd, 2½l, nk, 3l. C Smith at Wellingore. Tote: £2.10; £1.20, £2.40. DF: £3.40. CSF: £4.78.

4.15 (1m 2f) 1. TOSHIBA TALK (N Kennedy, 12-1); 2. Drumochter (G Carter, 8-1); 3. Paradise Waters (A Tucker, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Mansur, 4 Henry Browne (5th), 10 Durgams First, 14 Battery Boy, Embezzler (6th), 20 Beau Matelot (4th), 33 Castletown Count, Gulf Bay, 50 Caltha, 66 Miss Tri Colour. 13 ran. Sh hd, ¾l, sh hd, 2l, sh hd. B Ellison at Consett, Co Durham. Tote: £31.80; £5.50, £2.10, £2.10. DF: £63.90. Trio: £81.10. CSF: £99.74. Tricast: £377.93. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.45 (2m 4yd) 1. MOSHAAJIR (J Stack, 9-4); 2. Good Hand (M Birch, 7-4 fav); 3. Dominant Serenade (Darren Moffatt, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Limosa (4th), 33 Commanche Creek (5th). 5 ran. Nk, 1½l, 11l, dist. C Smith at Wellingore. Tote: £4.50; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £8.61.

5.15 (1m 2f) 1. UNITED FRONT (W Ryan, 4-11 fav); 2. Haldka (M Tebbutt, 100-30); 3. Highfield Fizz (T Ives, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Mill Thyme (6th), Quiling (4th), 25 Gunnerdale, 33 Beauchief, Deauville Dancer (5th). 8 ran. NR: Charlie-Don't Surf. 1l, 8l, 2½l, 1½l, ¾l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £1.80. Trio: £4.70. CSF: £2.36.

Placepot: £74.50.
Quadpot: £37.80.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.30 (2m) 1. LA MENORQUINA (J Fortune, 10-1); 2. Jarrasb (S Whitworth, 5-4 fav); 3. Who's The Best (D Wright, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Rolling The Bones (4th), 8 Stalled, 12 Lord Hastie, 14 Pistols At Dawn (6th), Snow Dream (5th), 16 Desert Force, 20 Sassiwer, 33 Electrolyte, Jubilee Line, Premier Blues, Rye Hill Queen. 14 ran. NR: Desert President. 3l, 1½l, 9l, 2l, 2l. D Marks at Lambourn. Tote: £12.90; £2.00, £1.60, £3.30. DF: £16.00. Trio: £39.70. CSF: £23.43. Tricast: £248.14.

3.00 (7f) 1. BERGE (Emma O'Gorman, 2-1 fav); 2. Tyrone Flyer (C Teague, 11-1); 3. Pytchley Night (J Carroll, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Northern Celadon, 9 Medland, Melodic Drive, 10 Mazzorarmio (4th), 14 What A Nightmare (6th), 20 Little Wilma, 25 Wali, 33 Knobs Girl (5th), Monsieur Petong. 12 ran. 3l, ½l, 6l, 1l, hd. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £3.40, £1.50. DF: £19.10. Trio: £45.70. CSF: £24.90.

3.30 (1m) 1. SUPER HIGH (R Cochrane, 8-1); 2. Douce Maison (J Tate, 8-1); 3. Fleshdest (M Wigham, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Self Expression (4th), 7 Corona Gold, 8 Querce Martin, 10 Keys Seminar, Spanish Stripper, World Traveller, 12 Le Residence, 14 Green's Bid, 16 Shotley Again, Zanzara (5th), 20 Caddy's First (6th), 33 Lady Highfield. 15 ran. 1l, 2l, 1¾l, hd, ½l. P Howling at Godalming. Tote: £11.00; £2.80, £3.20, £4.50. DF: £56.10. Trio: £454.50 (part won, pool of £512.17 carried forward to 3.05 at York today). CSF: £71.43. Tricast: £722.91.

4.00 (5f) 1. AMY LEIGH (A Mackay, 12-1); 2. Miss Offset (T Williams, 4-1); 3. Westman's Weigh (R Cochrane, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Pride Of Whalley (4th), 4 Times Of Timos (6th), 11-2 Dancing Lottie, 7 Derek's Bo, 8 Donington Park (5th), 16 Down The Yard, 20 Havana Heights. 10 ran. 3l, 1l, 3l, 2½l, 1l. J Wilson at Preston. Tote: £25.30; £2.10, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £146.00. Trio: £105.80. CSF: £64.13.

4.30 (5f) 1. GI LA HIGH (J Carroll, 4-5 fav); 2. Chik's Secret (T Sprake, 10-1); 3. Bodfy (A Culhane, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Bites (5th), Our Tom's Boy (4th), 10 Wastingtonwalnuts, 20 Alpheton Prince (6th). 7 ran. Nk, 4l, 2l, nk, 8l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £7.00. DF: £13.40. CSF: £9.78.

5.00 (1m 3f) 1. MR BEAN (J Tate, 3-1 fav); 2. Sushi Bar (D Holland, 8-1); 3. Brave Spy (G Duffield, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Palacegate Jo, 9 Camden's Ransom (4th), 11 Ism, 12 Arctic Diamond, 14 Early Star, Lexus, 16 Armston (5th), Lochore (6th), Merchant House, Moneghem, Scottish Park. 14 ran. 1¾l, 3l, 1¾l, hd, dht. K Burke at Wantage. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £2.00, £1.80. DF: £13.20. Trio: £22.20. CSF: £31.73. Tricast: £119.16.

Placepot: £121.10.
Quadpot: £39.60 (part won; pool of £48.24 carried forward to York today).

Windsor

Going: good to firm, good in straight

6.00 (1m 67yd) 1. Amdiffy (T Quinn, 5-2 fav); 2. Komodo (11-2); 3. Thames Side (50-1). 21 ran. 4l, 1¼l. B Meehan. Tote: £3.50; £1.90, £2.40, £8.60. DF: £8.90. Trio: £63.10. CSF: £17.66

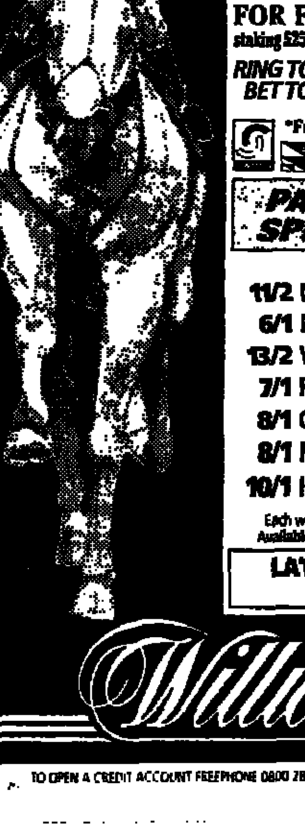
□ Peter Chapple-Hyam, the Manton trainer, is likely to run Prince Arthur and Spectrum in the First National Building Society Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh on Sunday. Prince Arthur lost his maiden tag in style by winning the Italian 2,000 Guineas last month.

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New York's challenge proceeds at full speed

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

THE Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, the new custodian of the America's Cup, accepted a challenge from the New York Yacht Club within seconds of Russell Coutts and his crew on *Black Magic* winning the trophy.

The "hip-pocket" challenge was presented by Bob James, vice-commodore of the American club, directly to Squadron Commodore Peter Hay at the finish line last Saturday to thwart any maverick interventions like that launched by Michael Fay, with his "Big Boat" challenge to the San Diego club in 1988, which landed the cup in court during two years of bitter argument.

The New Zealanders are determined to end the rule-bending shenanigans employed by the San Diego Yacht Club to keep the cup at all costs throughout its tenure. They hope that the partnership with New York YC, which held the trophy for 132 years, will return some tradition to the event. Significantly, the San Diego club has not been invited to take any role in the management of the next contest.

"It is the desire of the squadron and Team New Zealand to enhance the America's Cup as one of the most prestigious contests in sport," Hay said. "We could not, in our humble opinion, have a better partner than New York Yacht Club."

The New Zealand and New York clubs have agreed to hold the thirtieth defence of the America's Cup off Auckland in March 2000 and have outlawed challenges from "paper" yacht clubs and the right to take any issues to court, tightened up the rules governing nationality of designers and crew and limited the structural changes that can be made to yachts. The ban on tobacco advertising is also maintained.

Peter Blake, who led the New Zealand assault on yachting's equivalent of the Holy Grail, comprehensively defeating Dennis Conner's defending crew aboard *Young America*, explained yesterday that the changes agreed with New York YC would ensure a level playing-field for both defenders and challengers. "We want to revitalise the event without diminishing its unique qualities. We contacted the New York YC last week, introduced them to our protocol [which was published on Sunday and outlines general conditions for the next competition] and convinced them of our intent and ambitions for the event. It took them by surprise, but they moved quickly to accommodate our request."

Yacht clubs like the USA YC, set up by Conner three years ago to control the fruits of victory in the future, have been outlawed. Challenging clubs must have been in existence for a minimum of five years, be financially supported by a membership of more than 200, have a democratically elected board of directors and be a member of their national authority.

The New Zealanders had wanted to limit crews to those holding national passports from the country of challenge, but finally agreed to set a three-year residency clause for designers and sailors.

Each challenge will be limited to two boats and structural alterations are limited to 20 per cent of the hull bottom and 50 per cent of the topsides to avoid a repeat of the extensive rebuilding that went on with *Nippon '94* and *oneAustralia* during the trials this year.

Challengers have one year to launch their campaigns and lodge a $100,000 (about £65,000) deposit with the New Zealand Yacht Squadron, which is planning to organise a series of races each year to maintain momentum and interest in the cup during the next five years.

Blistering pace helps Brown to record of endurance

David Powell marvels at the courage and stamina of a 48-year-old long-distance runner

Almost every night for the past 11 nights, Richard Brown has gone to bed in his running kit. Dirty kit off, a shower in his camper van, then down to sleep in fresh running clothes.

As events turned out, Brown would have had time to change from pyjamas into kit each morning. The minutes and effort he saved seemed not to matter yesterday when he arrived at his destination blistered but triumphant.

Brown had beaten by 13 hours the record for travelling on foot between Land's End and John o'Groat's. Oh, and two minutes, enough time for at least one change into pyjamas.

He took 10 days 2hr 25min, beating Don Ritchie's mark of 10:15:27, set in 1989. On a varied diet, but mainly rice pudding, mashed potato and seven litres of liquid a day, Brown moved at the rate of three marathons every 24 hours. On each of the first eight nights, he slept for only four hours. On the penultimate night, he took only 30 minutes' sleep and, on Sunday night, none.

After celebrating with champagne and a bath, Brown, 48, was as much thinking ahead as back down the 825-mile road. "I am looking forward to defending my UK 100-mile championship at the end of July," he said.

Brown, the chief executive of an agency for investment and jobs in Avon, had to combat headwinds, a heatwave, a blizzard, an inflamed knee at Inverness, and a burst toe blister 50 miles from the finish at John o'Groat's. There, he cut open his shoe "so this thing could get out". Ultra runners expect their feet to look a mess.

The knee injury he attributed to the road camber. Normally he trains facing the traffic but the record was attempted with traffic approaching from behind. So cold was it at Carlisle that his support crew went shopping for thermal underwear.

To be confirmed as a record, Brown needed to be sighted regularly by the public. "There are not many people in the wilds of Scotland in the middle of the night and those you approach look extremely worried when three guys pile out of a camper van," Doug Aitken, of the support crew, said.

Sandra Brown, Richard's wife, who works in the Treasury, was on course yesterday to arrive in John o'Groat's today and so break the women's record. Her husband was planning to go back down the road to see her but, like Trevor Howard in *Brief Encounter*, Richard Brown cannot stay.

He has urgent business elsewhere. "It will be a fleeting encounter. Then I shall watch her disappear into the distance," he said. What will they find to talk about when they finally meet up again in Bristol this weekend after a fortnight apart?



Brown puts his feet up after breaking the Land's End to John o'Groat's record

RADIO CHOICE

A woman of many parts

Thirty-Minute Theatre: The Mind Body Problem. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

I am a long-time devotee of Craig Warner's plays. They can be unnervingly fantastical. They have shocked me, confused me, made me laugh and then felt guilty for laughing. *The Mind Body Problem* is another assault on my sensitivities. A husband (Michael Maloney) has lost his wife's body in the same accident that deprived his friend (Bill Nighy) of his spouse's brain. Are you with me? Surgery creates a composite woman (Geraldine James) out of the surviving body and brain. Still with me? The problem is: whose wife is she? Where does identity dwell: in the mind? body? somewhere else? I had to keep questioning my own mind as to whether *it* was still with me.

Prisoner, Island Farm. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

The wartime memories in Chris Stuart's account of what went on in, and around, a South Wales camp for German prisoners are priceless. The captives included Field Marshal von Runstedt, supreme commander in the West. Taken under guard to a shop, he was reprimanded just like a naughty schoolboy for trying to break the queue. Field Marshal von Manstein may have planned the invasion of France but he could not repair the elastic in his underpants. Earlier, there had been rank-and-file German PoWs in the camp. Seventy escaped but were caught. One "borrowed" a doctor's car, then wrote to the GP apologising and offering to pay for the precious petrol he had used up.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Dave Pearce **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Bruce Dickinson Rock Show **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Chris Stuart **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes over Britain **8.30** Whodunnit? **9.00** Tom Burke: The Lancashire Caruso **10.00** Coasting with Noakes **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports including at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **7.15** The Victim's Story **8.35** The Magazine with Jeremy Vine, incl at **10.35** Euronews: **11.00** Dirty News **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck, with Katie Derham; and at **1.35** Bullet Boys **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, including at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide, and at **6.15** Crime Update **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sport **7.35** Cricket. Lovely Cricket Hugh Crosskill looks at West Indian cricket **8.05** Inside Edge **9.35** What Kids Crimewave? Austin Lafferty reports on Scotland's Children's Panel System **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (**MW**: Off the Shelf **5.45** On Screen) **6.00** News **6.30** What's News? (**MW**. Europe) **6.45** On the Move (**MW**: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Beethoven **8.00** News **8.15** Health **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Writers in a Nutshell **9.00** News (**MW**: News in German) **9.10** Faith (**MW**: News in German) **9.15** Concert **10.00** News **10.15** Game, Set and Match **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30pm** Oliver Twist **1.00** News and Business (**MW**: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** Foreign Postings **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Development (**MW** News in German) **4.45** Health (**MW**: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Concert **6.00** News **6.15** What's News? **6.30** World Today (**MW** News in German) **6.45** Sport (**MW**: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Let's Do The Show **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Faith **10.00** News **10.15** Britain **10.30** Meridian **11.00** News **11.30** Today **11.45** Country **Midnight** News **12.15am** Music **12.15** Anything Goes **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** What's News? **1.45** Britain **2.00** News **2.15** On Screen **2.30** Music **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Andy Kershaw **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Discovery

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Family and Community History — Leaving Home **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Godowsky (Study No 15 in G flat on an étude by Chopin); **7.10** *Handel Handbook*: Handel (Trio Sonata in G minor); **7.32** Mozart (Horn Concerto No 3 in E flat); Kinsley, arr Mayerl (The Musical Earwig); Liadov (Kikimora); Brahms (Alto Rhapsody)
9.00 Fairest Isle: Composer of the Week: Dowland
9.45 Musical Encounters: Mozart (Overture, Der Schauspieldirektor); Bridge (Three Idylls); **10.10** *Artist of the Week*: Bernadettte Greevy, mezzo. Lennox Berkeley (Four Poems of St Teresa of Avila); **10.25** Morton Gould (Spirituals); Respighi (The Birds); Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio espagnol); Shostakovich (Symphony No 9)
12.00 Ensemble: Beethoven (Diabelli Variations: Benjamin Frith, piano) (r)
1.00pm Fairest Isle: BBC Festival of Brass 1995. Paul Hindmarsh presents the second of eight concerts of British brass band classics. Today's programme is played by National Brass Band Champions, the Black Dyke Mills Band under James Watson, with Robert Childs, euphonium
2.00 Schools: Playtime **2.15** Time to Move **2.35** Ghostwriter **2.45** Le Club
3.00 Fairest Isle: Advance Guard: 1936-39
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson and tenor Ian Bostridge explore Schubert's relationship with the voice
5.15 In Tune: Rossini (Overture, Semiramide); Mozart (Concert aria, Voi avete un cor fedele, K217); **6.03** Chopin (Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op 44); Tchaikovsky (Souvenir de Florence)
7.30 Pebble Mill, live from Studio One in Birmingham. Michel Béroff, piano, performs Berg (Sonata, Op 1); Brahms (Three Pieces, Op 117); Janáček (Sonata 1.X.1905); **8.15** Debussy and the Piano: Debussy's friends and contemporaries reflect on the composer; **8.35** Debussy (Préludes, Book 2)
9.25 Architecture in Five Easy Pieces: The Wall. A look at the elements of building (2/5)
9.50 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Oliver Knussen, with Lucy Shelton, soprano, Colin Matthews (Broken Symmetry); Oliver Knussen (Whitman settings)
10.25 Beethoven Fragments: Wind Soloists of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe perform Quintet in E flat; Rondino in E flat, WoO25
10.45 Night Waves: Roy Porter reports from the opening night of *Coriolanus*, Shakespeare's political play, at the West Yorkshire Playhouse
11.30-12.30am Fairest Isle: Music Restored: The first in a new season of Early Music Invitation Concerts. London Baroque, with Emma Kirkby, soprano
1.00-1.30 Night School: Primary RE: Islam

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with Barbara Lacey **6.30** Today incl **7.00**, **7.30**, **8.00**, **8.30** News **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30 News; Prisoner, Island Farm (FM only): See Choice
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 From Plato to the Present (LW only): Schopenhauer. Robin Thomson reads from *The World as Will and Idea*
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Sian Thomas reads the sixth episode of *Electricity* by Victoria Glendinning
11.30 States of Mind: All in the Mind. Professor Anthony Clare looks into Hollywood's current fascination for mental illness
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Daire Brehan
12.25pm Quote . . . Unquote: Merlin Holland, Christopher Matthew, Lee Simpson and Stanley Unwin join Nigel Rees **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: The Mind Body Problem. See Choice
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with the pianists Anthony Goldstone and Caroline Clemmow
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. The actor Antony Sher joins Paul Vaughan in the studio
4.45 Short Story: Time in Lieu, by Bridget O'Connor
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The House: Fifth episode of Christopher Lee's six-part political satire. With Julian Glover, Peter Kelly, Isla Blair, Christopher Benjamin and Sheila Reid (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Julian O'Halloran reports on issues and important events at home and abroad
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 The Network: Alun Lewis looks at how higher education will fare in an information-rich world
9.00 In Touch
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Cheri. Jane Lapotaire reads the sixth episode of Colette's classic story of a love affair between a middle-aged woman and a younger man. Translated by Roger Senhouse and abridged by Janys Chambers
11.00 Mediumwave: Joanna Coles explores the week's events in the media (r)
11.30-12.00 Derek Cooper's Necessary Pleasures (FM only): In the last of the series, Derek Cooper celebrates the glories of flour (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00-12.45am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.45** As World Service (LW)

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FOR THE RECORD

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): Melbourne 12 10 (82) bt Brisbane Bears 10.15 (75); West Coast Eagles 23 13 (151) bt Fremantle 9.12 (66). Carlton 10.15 (75) bt Essendon 9.13 (67). Hawthorn 11 12 (78) bt Geelong 9 19 (73). Collingwood 13 19 (97) bt Sydney Swans 11.10 (76). St Kilda 15 15 (105) bt Footscray 12.15 (87): North Melbourne 17 16 (118) bt Fitzroy 13 10 (88). Richmond 10 12 (72) bt Adelaide Crows 9 4 (58)

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 5 Atlanta 3 (In 10inns). San Diego 9 Chicago 7: Philadelphia 5 Houston 2: St Louis 8 Los Angeles 5 (11 inns). San Francisco 2 Pittsburgh 1 (10 inns); Colorado 8 Florida 3; Montreal 3 New York 2 (13 inns).

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 3 New York 2; Cleveland 3 Baltimore 1: Toronto 8 Milwaukee 3, California 8 Kansas City 1, Chicago 10 Seattle 2, Oakland 12 Minnesota 3: Detroit 8 Texas 3

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Chicago 106 Orlando 95 (series tied 2-2). Western Conference: Phoenix 114 Houston 110 (Phoenix lead 3-1); San Antonio 80 Los Angeles Lakers 71 (San Antonio lead 3-1)

SOPRON, Hungary: Pannon Cup: England 87 Holland 82, England 78 South Korea 82: England 69 Hungary 77

BOXING

BERLIN: World amateur championships: Finals: Flyweight (51kg): Z Lunka (Ger) bt B Jumadilov (Kaz), pts. Featherweight (57kg): S Todorov (Bul) beat N Medjhoud (Alg), pts; Light-welterweight (63 5kg): H Vinent (Cuba) bt N Suleymanoglu (Tur); pts; Light-middleweight (75kg): F Vastag (Rom) bt A Devergel (Cuba), pts. Light-heavyweight (81kg). A Tarver (US) bt D Vega (Cuba), pts, Super-heavyweight (over 91kg): A Lezin (Russ) bt V Klitschko (Ukr), pts

TOKYO: World Boxing Association lightweight championship: Orzubek Nazarov (Kyrgyzstan, holder) bt Park Won (S Korea) ko 2nd rnd

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Oakham 159, Oundle 160-6; *Exeter 198-6 dec, Wellington 65 (Fleming 3-26); *Ardingly 274-9 (Best 112), Christ's Hospital 188-8; Woodhouse Grove 156-4, *Silcoates 155; Tonbridge 225-5, *Dulwich 108 (Rowe 5-21): *Bradfield 155-6, Stowe 178; *Kent College 178, Cranbrook 184-5; King's, Ely 231-8 dec (Parker 102 not out), Woodgrove 131-5. *Royal Grammar Guildford 303-5, Reigate 210-8 (J Hilton 117): *Rugby 271-7 (E Lowe 106), Bedford 145-8; *UCS 198-6 dec (Gladstone 100 not out), Haberdashers' Aske's 127-5, Sherborne 181-7, Canford 182-1, MCC 223-8 dec, Oratory 176-8; King Edward's, Birmingham 164 (B Chesters 5-28) * Shrewsbury 166-3. (* denotes home team).

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Third stage (161km third stage, from Spoleto to Marotta): 1, M Cipollini (It, Mercatone Uno) 3hr 56min 11sec; 2, J Capiot (Bel, Ceramiche Refin), 3, G Calcaterra (It, AKI Gipiemme); 4, J Svorada (Slovakia, Lampre); 5, N Minali (It, Gewiss Ballan), 6, G Fidanza (It, Polti) all same time. Overall positions: 1, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei GB) 9:37:07; 2, M Fondriest (It, Lampre) at 43sec; 3, R Sorensen (Den, Magnifico MG) 49; 4, Cipollini 52; 5, F Casagrande (It, Mercatone Uno) 53; 6, E Berzin (Russ, Gewiss Ballan) 57.

FOOTBALL

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Carioca League: Fluminese 1 America 0; Bangu 1 Botafogo 3, Volta Redonda 0 Vasco Da Gama 3. Paulista League: Santos 3 Palmeiras 1; Juventus 3 Rio Branco 1; Ponte Preta 1 America 1; Aracatuba 1 Guarani 1; XV Piracicaba 1 Ferroviaria 1, Novorizontino 0 Portuguesa 3; Sao Paulo 1 Uniao São Joao 0: Corinthians 1 Bragantino 0.

GOLF

IRVING, Texas: Byron Nelson Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 263: E Els (SA) 69, 61, 65, 68. 266: D A Weibring 65, 69, 67, 65; M Heinen 67, 66, 67, 66; R Freeman 65, 65, 68, 68. 268: J D Blake 64, 69, 69, 66; S Verplank 67, 69, 67, 65, K Perry 65, 66, 70, 67: G Morgan 68, 66, 68, 66. 269: L Roberts 68, 67, 69, 65; R Tway 68, 66, 69, 66. 270: S Lowery 72, 67, 69, 62; K Fergus 67, 66, 71, 66. Other scores: 272: N Faldo (GB) 66, 71, 69, 66.

FAIRHAVEN: Amateur International: England v Spain: Foursomes: First series: L James and C Edwards bt F D de Pablo and C J Aquero, 2 and 1; D Howell and G Harris lost to J Cestino and F Cea, 2 holes; M Blackey and R Bland lost to V Fernandez-Grand and J Viscaya, 5 and 3; D Lynn and G Wolstenholme bt J M Lara and S Garcia, 3 and 2. Second series: James and Edwards bt Fernandez-Grande and Viscaya 4 and 3, M Foster and Bland halved with de Pablo and S Garcia; Howell and Harris bt Cestino and Cea 3 and 2, Lynn and Wolstenholme lost to Lara and A Cortina 2 holes. Singles: First series: Foster lost to Cea, 1 hole; James bt Cortina 4 and 3; Harris bt Fernandez-Grand, 1 hole, Edwards lost to Garcia, 2 holes; Howell bt Aquero, 3 and 2; de Pablo bt Bland, 2 and 1; Blackey bt Cestino, 2 holes; Wolstenholme halved with Lara. Second series: James lost to Lara, 1 hole; Edwards bt de Pablo, 1 hole; Bland lost to Cea, 2 holes, Blackey bt Garcia, 2 and 1; Lynn bt Cestino, 3 and 2; Howell bt Fernandez-Grande 3 and 2: Harris bt Cortina 2 and 1; Wolstenholme halved with Viscaya. Match result: England 14½ Spain 9½.

WILMINGTON, Delaware: McDonald's LPGA championship: Final scores (US unless stated): 274: K Robbins 66, 68, 72, 68. 275: L Davies (GB) 68, 68, 69, 70. 280: J Larsen 71, 68, 70, 71: M Morris 67, 71, 70, 72; P Sheehan 67, 68, 72, 73. 281: B Thomas 70, 66, 73, 72: D Mochrie 67, 70, 71, 73. 282: P Bradley 71, 70, 70, 71, T Green 69, 72, 70, 71. 283: A Sorenstam (Swe) 71, 71, 72, 69. Other scores: 290 P Johnson (GB) 71, 71, 71, 77. 291: A Nicholas (GB) 76, 71, 73, 71. 293: C Pierce (GB) 73, 74, 74, 72, H Dobson (GB) 77, 70, 71, 75. 299: S Strudwick (GB) 74, 73, 76, 76.

CLIFTON, New Jersey: Cadillac Senior Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 205: G Archer 69, 66, 70. 206: R Floyd 67, 71, 68: R Murphy 65, 73, 68. 207: L Trevino 70, 66, 71. Other scores: 211: R Charles (NZ) 69, 70, 72. A 213: A Jacklin (GB) 71, 70, 72.

HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Australia 4 England 0 (in Adelaide. Australia lead six-match series 3-0).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: Dallas 4 Detroit 1 Detroit (lead 3-1), Quebec 4 New York Rangers 2 (Rangers lead 3-2); Philadelphia 6 Buffalo 4 (Philadelphia win 4-1); Pittsburgh 6 Washington 5 (Washington lead 3-2)

MOTOR RALLYING

BARBON, Cumbria: RAC Hill Climb championship: Fourth round: 1, A Priaulx 21.28sec; 2, D Grace 21.43; 3, G Ritchie 22.04 (all driving Pilbeams). Championship positions: Equal 1. Priaulx and R Lane 35pts, 3, Grace 33

STEYR-DAIMLER-PUCH MANX RALLY: 1, R Moore (Subaru Impreza) 1hr 50min 54sec, 2, P Doughty (Sierra Cosworth) 1.51:16, 3 C Mellors (Escort Cosworth) 1:51:40

RUGBY LEAGUE

STATE-OF-ORIGIN SERIES: Queensland 2 New South Wales 0 (in Sydney, Queensland lead 1-0).

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Glasgow 49 Hull 47.

TENNIS

PINEHURST, North Carolina: Men's tournament: Final: T Enqvist (Swe) bt J Frana (Arg) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

ROME: Men's tournament: First round: V Spadea (Rom) bt C Costa (Sp) 6-4, 6-3. S Edberg (Swe) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; T Martin (US) bt A Costa (Sp) 7-6, 5-7, 6-3, J Yzaga (Peru) bt A Volkov (Russ) 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 6-4, 6-3, T Carbonell (Sp) bt M Sinner (Ger) 6-2, 6-4; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt M Damm (Cz) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; M Washington (US) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 7-5, 6-2.

BOURNEMOUTH: LTA spring satellite masters (GB unless stated). Men: First round: P Hand bt G Doyle (Aus) 4-1 ret, R Matheson bt N Baglin 6-3, 7-6, B Curry (SA) bt T Hand 6-3, 6-3; D Sanders bt B Larkham (Aus) 6-3, 6-3; C Beecher bt P Langvardt (Den) 6-3, 7-6; L Milligan bt S Della-Piana (Switz) 6-2, 2-6, 6-1, G Henderson bt A Foster 7-6, 7-5, A Caspari (Ger) bt D Ward 6-2, 6-1

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MAY 5	UNIT SUPPLY LTD	1. Phil Benson* 37; 2. Adele Bellis* 37; 3. Les Beesley 37; 4. Adrian Wilson 32	WALSALL	143
MAY 5	A G & R J BROWN	1 John Bottheraid 40; 2 Ray Brown 38; 3 Nigel Doyle* 34; 4. Dave Fowler* 33	UPCHURCH RIVER VALLEY	143
MAY 5	JOHNSON & HIGGINS LTD	1. W J W Lloyd 35; 2. I Webber 35; 3. M Newman 34; 4. M Sayer* 34	SANDFORD SPRINGS	138
MAY 9	GKN GROUP SERVICES LTD	1. M K Bryant 33; 2. R Wright* 33; 3. P Poling 32; 4 P Seaman 31	REDDITCH	129
MAY 9	PORT OF FELIXSTOWE	1. David Spencer* 46; 2. Derek Mayhew* 43; 3. Tim Turner 37; 4. Graham Parkinson 36	HINTLESHAM HALL	162
MAY 10	CHRISTCHURCH INSURANCE BROKERS	1. P Sectran* 43; 2. C Strong* 39; 3. J Sheppard 38; 4. A Walters 33	MENTMORE G & C	153
MAY 10	AQUA-GAS (VALVES & FITTINGS) LTD	1. P Hanson* 41; 2. G Gibson 37; 3. A Carson 36; 4. M Hamnett* 36	COLLINGTREE PARK	150
MAY 10	UNITED DOMINIONS TRUST	1. Colin Campbell 41; 2. Frank Smith 37; 3. George Rice* 37; 4. Paul McVeigh* 36	CLANDEBOYE	151
MAY 11	GODWINS LTD	1. Jeremy Cary 40; 2. Roy Payne 36; 3. Geoff Bollwicker* 35; 4. Joe Patrick* 35	WEST HILL	146
MAY 12	CHEMICAL BANK	1. Merlin Underhill 41; 2. David McLean 38; 3. Peter Gibson 36; 4. Tim Chillington 35	MENTMORE G & C	148
MAY 1[illegible]	HOLLAND & SHERRY LTD	1. [illegible] 38; 2. Timothy Wyatt* 37; 3. Anthony Hamilton 35; 4. Brian Donaldson 34	PEEBLES	145

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup
11.0, 55 overs
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Yorkshire
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Essex
EGLINTON: Ireland v Somerset
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Durham
LORD'S: Middlesex v Combined Universities
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Scotland
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
HOVE: Sussex v Kent
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Minor Counties

Tetley Bitter Challenge
11 0, first day of three
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v West Indians

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex. Cheltenham (at Dowty Arle Court): Gloucestershire v Surrey. Finchampstead: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire. Uxbridge: Middlesex v Leicestershire. Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan. Coventry and North Warwickshire: Warwickshire v Durham. Harrogate: Yorkshire v Derbyshire

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7 30 unless stated

SKOL MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Ansells v Olton Royale, Alvechurch Villa v Northfield Town; Bloxwich Town v Studley B.K.L.; Handrahan Timbers v Wellesbourne. Kings Heath v Chelmsley Town, Meir K.A. v Sherwood Celtic.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cranleigh v Eton Wick; Viking Sports v Bedfont.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham v Charlton (at St Albans FC).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *South East England under-19 county championship: Final*: Middlesex v Sussex (at Beaconsfield FC 3.45). Goodhand Trophy: Final: Derby v South Notts (at Borrowash Victoria 7 45)

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Women's British clay-court championships and men's satellite tournament (Bournemouth)

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday May 20
Coupon No, fixture forecast

VICTORIA FIRST DIVISION
1 Bentleigh v Richmond X
2 Br'dm'dows v Oakleigh X
3 Clarinda v Northcote C 1
4 Croydon C v Westgate 2
5 Frankston P v Caul'd C 1
6 Western v Knox City 1

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
7 Altona City v E Altona 2
8 Chelsea v Ringwood C 1
9 Clifton Hill v Waverley 2
10 E Brunswick v Rogant X
11 E Richm'd v Moor'bin X
12 Mooroolb'k v Bell Pk 1
13 Spr'gvale W v N'wad'g 1

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
14 Eltham v Seaford U 1
15 Fitzroy v Sunbury 1
16 Keilor v Pascoe Vale X
17 Melb'rne v S Dand'n'g 1
18 S Caulfield v Banyule 1
19 West Vale v Frankston 1

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
20 Brighton v S Wantirna 2
21 Cono v Monbulk 2
22 Cranb'rn v Storm'gton X
23 Doveton v Langwarrin 2
24 S Heights v Yarraville 1
25 Wil'st'n v S Spr'gvale X

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
26 Ballarat v Moreland 1
27 Brandon Pk v Lalor 2
28 Dandenong v Glenroy 2
29 Geelong R v Melton 2
30 Knox Pk v Heidelberg 1
31 Old Scotch v Mitcham 1
32 Spr'gvale C v Sunsh'noX

WEST AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
33 Ashfield v Southside 1
34 Bassend'n v N Perth 2
35 Melville v Cockburn 1
36 Morley v Kingsway 2
37 Rock'gham v Dianella 1
38 S Vardar v Balcatta 1

SOUTH AUSTRALIA PREMIER LEAGUE
39 Campb'town v P Lion 2
40 Croydon v Adelaide R X
41 Salisbury v B Eagles 1
42 Woodville v Modbury 1

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
43 Adelaide C v Birkalla 2
44 Cumberl'd v W Adel'de 1
45 Noarlunga v Para Hills 2
46 Olympians v Seaford 1
47 Plympton v Elizabeth X

QUEENSLAND FOURTH DIVISION
48 Log'holme v Redcliffe 2
49 Samford v Ipswich X
50 Southside v Pine Hills 1
51 Western S v Oxley 1

TASMANIA NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE
52 Launc'st'n v Somerset 1
53 St Leonards v W Sub X
54 Ulverstone v Burnie 2

TASMANIA SOUTH FIRST DIVISION
55 Dosa v Taroona 1
56 Howrah v Phoenix 2
57 Rapid v University 2
58 White Eagle v Metro X

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Bentleigh, Broadmeadows, East Brunswick, East Richmond, Keilor, Cranbourne, Williamstown, Croydon, Plympton, Samford, St Leonards, White Eagle

BEST DRAWS: Broadmeadows Keilor, Croydon, Samford, White Eagle

AWAYS: Westgate, Waverley, Monbulk, Langwarrin, Lalor, North Perth, Kingsway, Port Lion

HOMES: Clarinda, Western, Fitzroy, West Vale, Sun Heights, Old Scotch, Ashfield, Melville, South Vardar, Salisbury, Southside, Dosa

□ Vince Wright

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *44*

CERIMON
(b) The old lord in *Pericles* who finds Thaissa's body and sets to work to test his restorative skills. He explains, at length, "Tis known, I ever/ Have studied physic, through which secret art,/ By turning o'er authorities, I have —/ Together with my practice — made familiar/ To me and to my aid the blest infusions/ That dwell in vegetives, in metals, stones. . ." But his cures are as effective as his explanations are long-winded, and Thaissa is brought back to life.

HELENUS
(a) One of Priam's many sons in *Troilus and Cressida*, and a priest. He urges making peace with the Greeks, and his brother Troilus rounds on him: "You are for dreams and slumbers, brother priest./ You fur your gloves with reasons."

PAGE
(b) George Page is a prosperous Windsor citizen in *Merry Wives*. His wife is courted by Falstaff, and his daughter Anne is courted by Slender (whom Page himself supports), Caius (whom his wife supports) and Fenton (who is supported by no one, but wins her in the end).

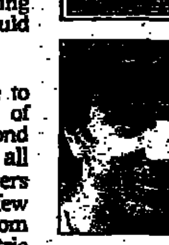
BASSANIUS
(c) Saturninus's brother and rival in *Titus Andronicus*, in love with Lavinia. He finds out about Tamora's love affair with Aaron, and dies for it.

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Bereavement is, apparently, dead funny



Matthew Bond

Down in the dark depths of BBC Television Centre, the awkward silence seemed to last as long as an off-form sit-com. "Right, Jan and er, Gavin," began the head of comedy, eventually. "Let's see if I've got your idea absolutely straight. We've got a middle-aged couple: she's supremely selfish and hates children and he's . . . he's . . ?"

"Well, we're still working on that, boss. But so far he has just retired from the Ministry of Pen Pushing and he snores. Still masses of unexplored comic potential in snoring, we think."

"Right," said the head of comedy, underlining "snores" on his notepad and wondering whether this might be the moment to mention the latest budget cuts. "And this couple don't like their son or the girl he married — is that right?" "Spot on, boss. Can't bear the sight of them — at least *she* can't. She goes on about her son's polyester lapels and calls her daughter-in-law Bootface. It's a scream — we'll make the son a teetotal piano teacher and his wife one of those whale-saving nut-crunchers. Sufficiently ghastly, don't you think?"

"Mmm," said the head of comedy, agreeing wholeheartedly but silently. "And it's the son and daughter-in-law who are tragically killed in a car crash, orphaning three children in the process . . ? Are you quite sure you can make this funny?"

"Well, we *have* got Penelope Keith." "What, you've got Penny? Why didn't you say? I'll have six episodes and if you just hang on a moment, I'll see if we can squeeze a few extra quid for that opening sequence in Provence."

And so it was, presumably, that the extraordinary **Next of Kin** (BBC 1) arrived, a comedy born out of tragedy and watched last night by a studio audience in extended periods of silence. Assuming it is now open season for death jokes, on the basis of the excruciating opening episode the show should have been strangled at birth.

But I suppose we'll have to give this cheerless tale of unhappy families a second chance. Comedy, after all, is all about pushing back the frontiers and it could just be that after a few weeks of this latest offering from Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie (the writers of *Second Thoughts*), we'll all be merrily swapping car crash gags and wondering how many orphans it takes to change a light bulb. Time, even on BBC 1, is a great healer. As for the orphans and the light bulb, the answer is none: they can't reach. Just kills me, that one.

If the trend catches on, the next time we catch up with Helen Mirren it will probably be for An Evening with Superintendent Jane Tennison, during which she will regale a celebrity audience with jokes and funny stories about murders she has solved. "How many actors does it take to play one serial killer?" she may ask.

Unfortunately, for those of us watching last night's final **Prime Suspect** (ITV) the answer was two. In the very first story, George Marlow (you remember — something nasty in the lock-up garage stirs) was played by John Bowe. In last night's reprise, *The Scent of Darkness*, he was played by Tim Woodward. Nothing wrong with Woodward's performance, but the enforced substitution (Bowe was unavailable) robbed the story of much-needed dramatic impact.

For something was definitely up with our Jane. Gone was all that shouting and leaning up against walls that has cracked so many cases. Suddenly, it was all silk nighties and bath-time bottles of Muscadet. Superintendent Tennison, we deduced, was in love. Sadly, as passion awakened, basic police skills deserted AMIT's finest. "I want everyone questioned on that route," she commanded during a brief throwback to her shouting days: "including the neighbour's cat."

It was confirmation that love is, indeed, blind. As the rest of us could clearly see, the neighbour's cat spent the entire episode sitting on the ghastly Commander Draper's head.

But that was about as far as clarity went. Confusingly, the object of Tennison's reawoken desires was Patrick the psychiatrist, played by Stuart Wilson, an actor who bears a rather closer resemblance to Bowe than Woodward. Did this mean Patrick would turn out to be the copy-cat killer, or did the Superintendent simply have a fondness for men who resembled mass murderers she had put away?

Guy Hibbert's story had strong echoes of *The Silence of the Lambs* but little of its quality. Too often the dialogue sounded contrived — "he's leading those lads down a false trail" — or clichéd: "I've had the Home Secretary on the telephone". As for some of the performances, if the Nolan committee really wants to perform a public service, it should launch an immediate investigation into the standard of police acting on television today.

Finally, driven by the desire for self-improvement and concern that John Diamond may one day fall off his motorbike and, in doing so, launch not just a new sit-com but an urgent hunt for a new writer for his computer column, I turned to the second series of **The Net** (BBC 2). I suspect the first series may have been more my bag — to wit, ownership of a computer and a modem but no real idea of where the Internet is, still less what I say on it when I find it. Broadcasting from the sort of country cottage that looked as though it had had a close encounter with Tessa Shaw's *Home Front*, Benjamin Woolley lost me when he had his favourite coffee mug transferred on to compact disc. Must make dunking awfully difficult.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (65622)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (10838177)

9.05 Kilroy (s) ubject (1196603)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7937210) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (1189142)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (4956806)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9727974) **12.05 Pebble Mill.** Hollywood star Kirk Douglas talks to Gloria Hunniford about his life and career (s) (5735871) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (15179326)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (37790) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (35458072)

1.50 Going for Gold with Henry Kelly (s) (27353608)

2.15 FILM: Susan Slept Here (1954) starring Dick Powell, Debbie Reynolds and Anne Francis. A comedy about a Hollywood scriptwriter researching juvenile delinquency, who agrees to look after a teenage tearaway but finds her too hot to handle. Directed by Frank Tashlin (404806)

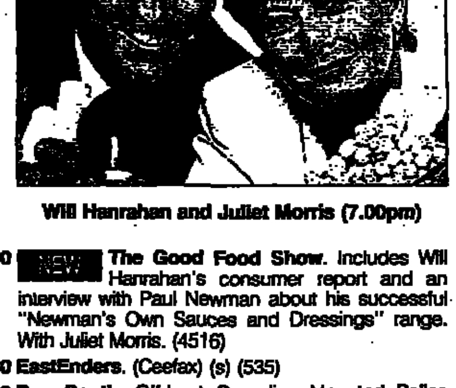
3.50 Monty (s) (3900448) **3.55 Fievel's American Tails** (r) (s) (1014177) **4.20 Watt on Earth** (r) (s) (7729790) **4.35 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1796055) **5.00 Newsround.** (Ceefax) (9267852)

5.10 NEW **Activ8.** Magazine series on exciting sports and activities. (Ceefax) (s) (5451790)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (443626)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (871)

6.30 Regional news magazines (351)



Will Hanrahan and Juliet Morris (7.00pm)

7.00 NEW **The Good Food Show.** Includes Will Hanrahan's consumer report and an interview with Paul Newman about his successful "Newman's Own Sauces and Dressings" range. With Juliet Morris. (4516)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (535)

8.00 Due South. Off-beat Canadian Mounted Police comedy drama series starring Paul Gross and David Marciano. (Ceefax) (s) (322448)

8.50 They Who Dare (r). (Ceefax) (s) (373055)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8451)

9.30 FILM: The Package (1989) starring Gene Hackman and Joanna Cassidy. A conspiracy thriller about an American Army sergeant escorting a military prisoner from Berlin to the United States where the man escapes and the sergeant learns that he was a political assassin. Directed by Andrew Davis. (Ceefax) (s) (933055). **Wales:** Week In Week Out (55500) 10.00 Film: The Package (550332) 11.45-1.15am Film: The Blue Lightning (500500)

11.15 FILM: The Blue Lightning (1986) starring Sam Elliott. A San Francisco private detective is on the trail of a precious stone being held by a murderer with a personal army, holed up in the Australian outback. Directed by Lee Philips (s) (681429)

12.45am Weather (2475758)

BBC2

6.20 Open University

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7011142)

8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sir Bernard Ingham (s) (7837944)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1270448) **2.00** Philbert the Frog (12157790) **2.05** Hairy Jeremy (12156061)

2.10 Spanish Grand Prix. Highlights from Sunday's race in Barcelona (r) (9310622)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (s) (6918887) **3.55 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3990061)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (264)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Innovative recipes (s) (448)

5.00 Esther. Esther Rantzen chairs a studio discussion on how Britain compares with the rest of Europe in its treatment of children forced to look after sick and elderly members of the family (s) (5622)

5.30 Catchword. Paul Coia with another round of the word game (s) (500)

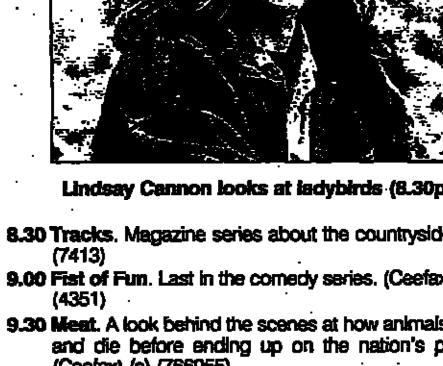
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air. Teen comedy series (s) (531622)

6.25 Heartbreak High. Drama series set in an Australian inner-city high school. (Ceefax) (s) (977351)

7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show. Animation (s) (191448)

7.30 East: By Any Means Necessary. A look at Asians in British politics. (Ceefax) (s) (177)

8.00 Taking Liberties: The Story of the Accused. (Ceefax) (s) (1806)



Lindsay Cannon looks at ladybirds (8.30pm)

8.30 Tracks. Magazine series about the countryside (s) (7413)

9.00 Fist of Fun. Last in the comedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (4351)

9.30 Meat. A look behind the scenes at how animals live and die before ending up on the nation's plate. (Ceefax) (s) (766055)

10.10 The Car's the Star. In praise of the Fiat 500. (Ceefax) (s) (857968)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (770582)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (641626)

11.55 Weather (471790)

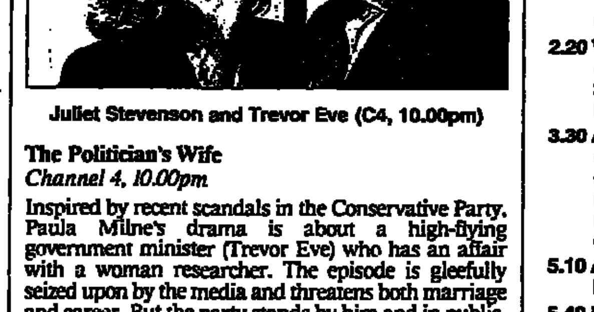
12.00 Open Mind. Five planetary scientists study for their PhDs (s) (6338307)

12.25am Computer-Aided Design. *Analysis* (7152901)

1.25 The Record. The day's parliamentary proceedings (2949630). Ends at **1.55**

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CHOICE



Juliet Stevenson and Trevor Eve (C4, 10.00pm)

The Politician's Wife
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Inspired by recent scandals in the Conservative Party, Paula Milne's drama is about a high-flying government minister (Trevor Eve) who has an affair with a woman researcher. The episode is gleefully seized upon by the media and threatens both marriage and career. But the party stands by him and in public, at least, so does his wife (Juliet Stevenson). So far the scenario is familiar. In real life that would probably be the end of it. But Milne is not content to leave her heroine smiling bravely and professing loyalty. This wife's resentment burns fiercely and she will not swallow it for the sake of political peace. With the ever-watchable Stevenson firing on all cylinders, this has all the makings of a trenchant series.

The Churchills
ITV, 10.40pm

The team responsible for *The Kennedys* and *The Windsors* turns its hand to another famous dynasty. though the series is inevitably dominated by Sir Winston with the other Churchills in supporting roles. Much of the material will be familiar, not least because it has been extensively covered by the many historians and biographers who contribute to the series. The novelty is mainly on the anecdotal and personal level, with lively contributions from Winston's nephew, Peregrine Churchill, and his daughter, Lady Soames. Tonight's episode recalls Churchill's unstable father and unhappy schooldays and charts his political career to the early 1930s, when many reckoned that it was effectively over.

Without Walls: I Survived — Ike Turner
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The disc jockey Johnnie Walker visits the Sun City studios in Memphis, Tennessee, to talk to the alleged inventor of rock 'n' roll. In the same studios, in 1951, Ike Turner cut a record called *Rocket 88*, which some claim to have launched the genre. He became rather more famous as one half of Ike and Tina Turner, a stage act and a marriage that lasted 18 years. But he beat her, she tried to kill herself, they split and he ended up in prison for possessing cocaine. Now 63 years old, Ike has started a new band and is very big in Japan. "I have a hot show, man," he tells Walker. It always was a hot show, even when things were going wrong off-stage. Ike is voluble and candid, though not always very precise about a bumpy career.

Taking Liberties: The Story of the Accused
BBC2, 8.00pm

The life of Keith Tregenna, a college law lecturer and family man, was thrown into turmoil when a female colleague accused him of sexually assaulting her. He protested his innocence and was confident that a police investigation would clear him. But the case never reached the police. To Tregenna's dismay, the college decided to hold its own inquiry. The proceedings were held in secret and Tregenna only learnt who his accuser was the day before the hearing. There was no chance to look at her evidence or to cross-examine her. Tregenna was forced to go to the High Court to obtain justice. His MP, Matthew Taylor, and a senior judge are among those expressing their disquiet at the way the case was handled.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (4578806)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (8422332) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1184697)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (5836332)

10.35 This Morning (86807784) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9723158)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7400516)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (7418535) **1.25 Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (16046871) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (30408577)

2.20 Vanessa: Neither a Man nor a Woman. (Teletext) (s) (20281719) **2.50 Dogs with Dunbar** (2634177) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (9125531) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1954512)

3.30 Allsorts (r) (s) (5067158) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (7739595) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (r) (s) (1339559) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (r) (s) (7734622) **4.15 The Legends of Treasure Island** (Teletext) (s) (2650326) **4.40 Finders Keepers** (Teletext) (s) (4822974)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating featuring singer Gene Pitney. (Teletext) (1594603)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (254500)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (168210)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (239)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (719)

7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (6784)

7.30 Everyday Lives: Scarred for Life? This programme follows the first epilepsy sufferer to use a machine which doctors hope can pinpoint the "scar" on the brain which causes the condition (603)

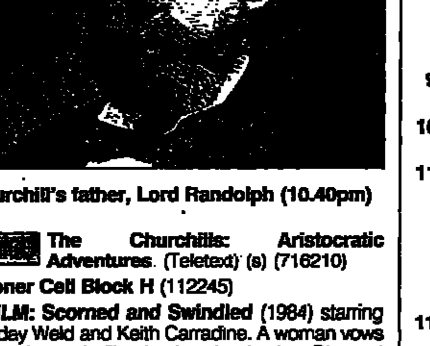
8.00 The Bill: In the Midnight Hour. Family secrets are uncovered, including a lost little girl and a forbidden relationship. (Teletext) (8332)

8.30 My Good Friend. The last in the gentle comedy series starring George Cole and Richard Pearson. (1239)

9.00 Peak Practice: Other Lives. In the last of the series, Beth's reassessment of her life has dramatic consequences for her and Jack. (Teletext) (s) (4413)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (79697)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (818887)



Churchill's father, Lord Randolph (10.40pm)

10.40 The Churchills: Aristocratic Adventures. (Teletext) (s) (716210)

11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (112245)

12.40am FILM: Scorned and Swindled (1984) starring Tuesday Weld and Keith Carradine. A woman vows to bring her swindling husband to justice. Directed by Paul Wendkos (718543)

2.25 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (s) (5937307)

2.50 The Beat with Gary Crowley (s0 (8378727)

3.45 America's Top Ten (s) (31185)

4.15 On the Live Side with music from Dave Grusin and Ben Sidran (r) (s) (16458524)

4.30 Videofashion (95814)

5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s) (75562)

5.30 ITN Morning News (34678). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7339351)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (54413)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (52974)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (4685429) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (4500784) **10.00** Equinox (3272790) **10.53** Schools at Work (7181326) **11.00** Irish Scientists and Inventors (3388513) **11.22** Stage One (7958023) **11.40** Breaking the Mould (329852)

12.00 House to House. Political magazine (69210)

12.30 Sesame Street with guests are Take 6 (r) (45871) **1.30 Dr Snuggles** (r) (74953644)

1.55 Profiles Of Nature. A wildlife documentary following the laying, hatching and rearing of two great horned owlets by their parents (r) (38357005)

2.25 Channel 4 Racing From York. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the **2.35, 3.05, 3.40 (Tattersalls Musidora Stakes)** and **4.10** races (s) (19929581). Followed by **Consenting Adults.** A series of shorts coinciding with Adult Learning Week. (Teletext) (s)

4.30 Fifteen-To-One. General knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (516)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are victims of violent and frightening crimes and the perpetrators. (Teletext) (s) (6814535)

5.50 Terrytoons with Heckle and Jeckle (254061)

6.00 Babylon 5. American science-fiction adventure series. (Teletext) (s) (521581)

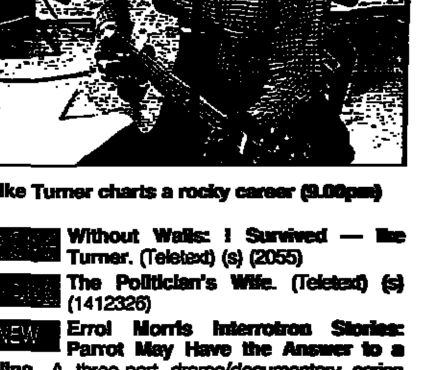
6.55 Terrytoons featuring Deputy Dawg (830790)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (736871)

7.55 Consenting Adults (r) (549069)

8.00 Africa Express. The last programme in the series features reports from Madagascar, Senegal and Burundi. (Teletext) (s) (6974)

8.30 Brookside. The Jordache trial continues. (Teletext) (s) (2581)



Ike Turner charts a rocky career (9.00pm)

9.00 Without Walls: I Survived — Ike Turner. (Teletext) (s) (2055)

10.00 The Politician's Wife. (Teletext) (s) (1412326)

11.15 NEW **Errol Morris Interrotron Stories: Parrot May Have the Answer to a Killing.** A three-part drama/documentary series begins with the story of the murder of Jane Gill during which the only eye-witness was her pet parrot (s) (683852). Followed by **Consenting Adults** (r). (Teletext) (s)

11.45 FILM: Dust Devil (1992) starring Robert Burke and Chelsea Field. A horror thriller set in Namibia about a woman fleeing an unhappy marriage who gives a lift to a mysterious killer. When she discovers severed fingers in the man's rucksack she makes off, but the killer is hot in pursuit. Directed by Richard Stanley (553852)

1.45am FILM: Oil For the Lamps of China (1935, b/w) starring Pat O'Brien. A drama about an American in China who allows his enthusiasm for work to affect his personal life. With Josephine Hutchinson, Jean Muir, John Eldredge and Lyle Talbot. Directed by Mervyn LeRoy (981678). Ends at **3.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (1184697) **12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News** (9723158) **12.55** Emmerdale (7418535) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16046871) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2634177) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (1954512) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1594603) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (243806) **7.30-8.00** Anglia at War (603) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (818887) **12.35am** Sextette (458659) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2264253) **3.15** The Beat (9837765) **4.10** The New Music (9148104)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (1184697) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (9723158) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2634177) **3.25-3.30** Central News (1954512) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1594603) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (243806) **7.30-8.00** Millionaires (603) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (818887) **11.40** Blue Heelers (112245) **4.15am** Jobfinder (8853582) **5.20** Asian Eye (8953253)

GRANADA

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (1184697) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (9723158) **12.55-1.25** Shortland Street (7418535) **1.25** Home and Away (51648158) **1.50** Vanessa (35107582) **2.20** Granada Action (20281719) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (2634177) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (1954512) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1594603) **6.25** Granada Tonight (243806) **7.00** Emmerdale (6784) **7.30-8.00** Surprise Gardeners (603) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (818887) **11.40-12.40** Crime Story (112245) **4.15-5.00** Jobfinder (7976185)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (7418535) **1.25** Home and Away (16046871) **1.55** Vanessa (36557023) **2.25** The Entertainers (20273790) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (6319622) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1594603) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (719) **7.30-8.00** West Eye View (603) **10.30-10.40** HTV West News and Weather (818887) **4.15am** Jobfinder (7976185)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales News (1184697) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (9723158) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (1954512) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (719) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (603) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (818887)

MERIDIAN

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WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (7418535) **1.25** Home and Away (16046871) **1.55** Vanessa (36557023) **2.25** The Young Doctors (20273790) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (1954512) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1594603) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (91351) **7.30-8.00** On the Road to the Islands (603) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News (818887) **4.15am** Jobfinder (7976185)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (7418535) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16046871) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2634177) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire Calendar News / Bâsdale. Network North (1954512) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1594603) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (434581) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (719) **7.30-8.00** Animal Country (603) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (818887) **11.40** Who Gets the Friends? (643584) **1.20am** The Little Picture Show (5431497) **2.20** Sport AM (7300098) **3.20** The Beat (9829746) **4.15** Jobfinder (7895369)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (54413) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (52974) **9.30** Yagolion (997790) **12.00pm** House To House (69210) **12.30** The Magic Roundabout (81974) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (57500) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (74953644) **1.55** Profiles Of Nature (38357005) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing From York (709603) **4.20** Consenting Adults (9416806) **4.30** Saved By The Bell: The New Class (516) **5.00** 5 Pump (6090) **5.30** Fifteen To One (968) **6.00** Newyddion (982332) **6.15** Heno (973535) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4326) **7.30** Shotolau (245) **8.00** Pobol Hysbys (6974) **8.30** Newyddion (2581) **9.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet (2055) **10.00** Brookside (77239) **10.30** The Best Of The Tube (59887) **11.00** Tommy (32083142)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (84429) **8.00** Power Rangers (29149) **8.30** Blockbusters (98790) **9.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (40871) **10.00** Concentration (50177) **10.30** Card Sharks (12326) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (77332) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (79626) **12.30pm** Designing Women (45142) **1.00** The Waltons (40697) **2.00** Matlock (51806) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (4707993) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (4299531) **4.30** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (8622) **5.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (8603) **6.00** Spellbound (4887) **6.30** Family Ties (2239) **7.00** Rescue (8072) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7351) **8.00** The X-Files (87142) **9.00** Models Inc (70806) **10.00** Quantum Leap (73993) **11.00** David Letterman (318332) **11.50** The Untouchables (832142) **12.45am** 21 Jump Street (7283765) **1.30** In Living Color (75123) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (4970272)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour. **6.00am** Sunrise (2209852) **9.30** Fashion TV (89332) **10.30** ABC Nightline (10968) **11.00** News and Business (432448) **1.30pm** CBS News (79413) **2.30** Parliament Live (93429) **4.00** News and Business (32158) **5.00** Live at Five (8442245) **6.06** Richard Littlejohn (142603) **8.00** News and Business (7622) **8.30** O.J. Simpson (3429) **12.30am** CBS News (6932185) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn (8237291) **2.30** Parliament (38901) **4.30** CBS News (64814) **5.30** ABC News (69388)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (7444054) **10.00 Murder So Sweet** (1993) (29158) **12.00 Sacred Ground** (1983) (52581) **2.00pm Hot Shots! Part Deux** (1993) (84245) **4.00 Wild in the Country** (1961) (80034332) **5.55 Murder So Sweet** (1993): As 10am (21776254) **7.30 Close Up: Wesley Snipes on Rising Sun** (9719) **8.00 Hot Shots! Part Deux** (1993): As 2pm (16326) **9.30 The Real McCoy** (1993) (680177) **11.15 Singles** (1992) (157429) **12.55am The Unbearable Lightness of Being** (1988) (22667678) **3.40-5.30 Secret Ceremony** (1969) (96361825)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (44429) **4.00 I Remember Mama** (1948) (24223559) **6.25 Journey into Fear** (1942) (39169968) **8.00 Manhattan** (1979) (56210) **10.00 The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (1975) (262210) **11.40-2.00am The King of Marvin Gardens** (1972) (94474061)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Call Northside 777 (1948) (18069) **8.00 The Polar Bear King** (1992) (60500) **10.00 Tarzan's New York Adventure** (1942) (2513871) **11.15 Colt .45** (1950) (9567177) **12.30pm Carry On Columbus** (1992) (64351) **2.00 Jesse James** (1939) (62887) **4.00 The Polar Bear King** (1992) As 8am (2177) **6.00 Carry On Columbus** (1992): As 12.30pm (75351) **8.00 With Harmful Intent** (1993) (81968) **10.00 The Assassin** (1993) (105806) **11.50 Flight from Justice** (1993) (653968) **1.25am Two-Fisted Tales** (1991) (138524) **3.00 Schtonk!** (1992) (149291) **4.50-6.00 The Emperor's New Clothes: Transparent animation** (8564123)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.00am WWF Mania (24448) **8.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA (95264) **10.00** Aerobics Oz Style (98351) **10.30** Fish Tales (3121559) **10.45** Benson & Hedges Cricket, Live (227351) **7.30** IPC Football Awards (66326) **8.30** Scottish Football Special (20210) **10.00** B & H Cricket (62061) **11.30** Badminton (70264) **12.30pm** IPC Football Awards (34949) **1.30-2.00** Scottish Football (86253)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Golf (84264) **8.30** Table Tennis (87429) **10.00** Aerobics (24210) **11.00** Football (95644) **12.30pm** Speedworld (43429) **2.30** Triathlon (53871) **4.00** Athletics (83852) **5.00** Football (29993) **6.30** Mini News (9351) **7.00** Motors (36055) **9.00** Boxing (97090) **10.00** Snooker (76516) **12.00-12.30am** Mini News (84611)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (1950142) **8.30** Peyton Place (1959413) **9.00** As the World Turns (9564697) **10.00** Guiding Light (8506516) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8413852)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (1033429) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4264177) **1.00** Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (8424968) **1.30** The Restaurant Show (4263448) **2.00** Getaway (7678968) **2.30** Travels in Europe (9755239) **3.00** American Vacation (1686500) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (9842719) **4.30** Boomerang (9631603) **5.00** Colorado River Adventures (7765448) **5.30** The Restaurant Show (9759055) **6.00** Travels in Europe (9756968) **6.30** Discover America (5230697) **7.30** Getaway (9632332) **8.00** Around the World (7754332) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (7677239) **9.00** Globetrotter (1794719) **9.30** Discover America (3209968) **10.30** Colorado River Adventures (1043806) **11.00** American Trail (1799264) **11.30-12.00** Cruising (8039142)



Tim Curry as Frank N. Furter (Sky Movies Gold, 10.00pm)

TLC

9.00am Martha Stewart Living (7629581) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (7946326) **10.00** Secret Gardens (6984158) **10.30** Jimmy's (7721993) **11.00** Only Human (9311644) **12.00** He's My Brother (7712245) **12.30pm** House Style (7940142) **1.00** Cooking with Kurma (4080992) **1.30** Martha Stewart Living (7949413) **2.00** Brain Sex (6985887) **3.00** Flowering Passions (8435974) **3.30-4.00** Motorvation (5104852)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (7315068) **7.30** Neighbours (3816054) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7711516) **8.30** EastEnders (7710887) **9.00** The Bill (7638239) **9.30** Sutherland's Law (9607784) **10.30** Angels (85364500) **11.35** Going for Gold (12550055) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7714603) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7942500) **1.00** EastEnders (2260910) **1.30** The Bill (7841871) **2.00** After Henry (8352697) **2.30** Foreign Bodies (5207993) **3.00** Knots Landing (3210516) **4.00** Dallas (3222351) **5.00** Every Second Counts (5917516) **5.35** Dick Emery (6949852) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (1365210) **6.30** EastEnders (5299974) **7.00** Keep It in the Family (8356413) **7.30** Bread (5295158) **8.00** After Henry (8438061) **8.30** The Lenny Henry Show (8351968) **9.00** The Sweeney (2448887) **10.00** The Bill (7715332) **10.30** Top of the Pops (9426968) **11.10** Rory Bremner (6515871) **11.50** Dr Who (9695210) **12.20am** *FILM: Leave All Fair* (1985) Drama about the later life of John Middleton Murry, the husband of author Katherine Mansfield. With John Gielgud and Jane Birkin (7937036) **1.55** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (72974) **7.00** Sonic (50264) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (66871) **8.00** Degrassi Junior High (60516) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (3878852) **8.45** Casper (3079535) **9.00** Sesame Street (19993) **10.00** Tiny TCC (98887) **12.00** Madeline (63603) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (94177) **2.30** Barney (7142) **3.00** Dinobabies (8535) **3.30** Sonic (2887) **4.00** California Dreams (4622) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi Junior High (2846)

NICKELODEON

7.00am NickAlive including Deep Sea Dick (3750606) **7.15** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (245061) **7.45** Rugrats (244332) **8.15** Grimmy (338974) **8.45** NickAlive (8019644) **9.00** Nick Jr (945142) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (32719) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (78055) **1.00** Smoggies (24264) **1.30** Grimmy (77326) **2.00** Denver (1734) **2.30** Galaxy High (7516) **3.00** The Ferals (6681) **3.30** The Alex Mack (2061) **4.00** Grimmy (5368) **4.30** Rugrats (4852) **5.00** Clarissa (8326) **5.30** NickAlive (1332) **6.00** Rocko's Modern Life (8245) **6.30-7.00** The Adventures of Pete and Pete (6697)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Himalayas (5295887) **4.30** Wild South (5112871) **5.00** Wings of the Luftwaffe (8353326) **6.00** Invention (6062023) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (3077351) **7.30** Wildlife (5113500) **8.00** Wildside (2459993) **9.00** Man on the Rim (2445429) **10.00** Vanishing Worlds (2449516) **11.00-12.00** Out of the Past (8898559)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: A Walk in the Sun (1945): Lewis Milestone's gritty account of an American platoon fighting in Italy during the Second World War. With Dana Andrews (6991448) **2.00pm** thirtysomething (6809413) **3.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (8359500) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (5204806) **4.00** FILM: I've Gotta Horse (1965): Musical with Billy Fury (17375887) **5.45** Torchy the Battery Boy (6921622) **6.00** Get Smart (5293790) **6.30** Police Woman (1024055) **7.30** The Adventures of Robin Hood (5117326) **8.00** thirtysomething (2453719) **9.00** Twin Peaks (2360055) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Nasty Habits (1977). Glenda Jackson in an allegory of the Watergate scandal (3131055)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (4721790) **7.00** Living Magazine (7240326) **9.00** Mr Smith's Indoor Garden (4706790) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5085142) **10.05** Mr Smith's Favourite Garden (2935239) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (70697806) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (5741500) **11.55** The Simple Programme (69124581) **12.00** Kilroy (6156351) **12.55pm** The Real McCoy (1436581) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2922326) **2.00** Agony Hour (7831784) **3.00** Living Magazine (9345516) **4.00** Infatuation (2312500) **4.30** Crosswits (1982585) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (75346326) **5.30** Italian Regional Cookery (7158852) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (3882603) **6.30** Brookside (8187719) **7.05** Crosswits (2370167) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (6221784) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6700413) **8.55** The Simple Programme (7459055) **9.00** FILM: Storm and Sorrow (1990): Lori Singer joins an American mountaineering team to climb a peak in the former Soviet Union (87623535) **10.50** Sneak Scenes (4321993) **11.00** Brookside (9252852) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (7836239)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (7852) **5.30** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (1158) **6.00** My Two Dads (8871) **6.30** Catchphrase (5351) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (2036) **7.30** Me and the Boys (1535) **8.00** Stay Lucky (65968) **9.00** Sirens (41332) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (64332) **10.30** Dangermouse (77852) **11.00** Lou Grant (63784) **12.00** Zorro (26611) **12.30am** Me and the Boys (21678) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (80776) **1.30** Rhoda: with Valerie Harper and Julie Kavner (48659) **2.00** Sirens (78920) **3.00** Lou Grant (32765) **4.00** Rhoda (90017) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (24949)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (64901) **6.30** The Grind (38500) **7.00** 3 from 1 (4525061) **7.15** Awake on the Wildside (5539177) **8.00** VJ Ingo (939061) **11.00** The Soul of MTV (57177) **12.00** Greatest Hits (93332) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (15992) **2.00** 3 from 1 (52980210) **2.15** The Afternoon Mix (4578974) **3.00** Cinematic (5013968) **3.15** The Afternoon Mix (8486662) **4.00** MTV News at Night (6110061) **4.15** The Afternoon Mix (6037784) **4.30** Dial MTV (2264) **5.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (9210) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (17993) **6.30** MTV Sports (1581) **7.00** MTV Greatest Hits (54806) **8.00** Guide to Alternative Music (67326) **9.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (29622) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (94061) **10.00** MTV News at Night (830326) **10.15** Cinematic (828581) **10.30** Real World (78210) **11.00** The End? (72177) **12.30am** The Grind (23036) **1.00** The Soul of MTV (89659) **2.00-7.00** Night Videos

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (8423239) **9.00** Café VH-1 (7599719) **12.00** The Bridge (4172142) **1.00pm** Ten of the Best (4254790) **2.00** Heart and Soul (8116245) **3.00** Into the Music (6597516) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (4780245) **6.15** Prime Cuts (8489500) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8235413) **8.00** VH-1 Rock (8317061) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8231697) **10.00** The Bridge (8234784) **11.00** The Nightly (9798719) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (8804630) **2.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from 6am to 7pm, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (78161581) **9.00** Alif Laila (49270697) **9.30** Aangan Terha (49279968) **9.00** Hindi FILM: Jaal (87280806) **12.00** Campus (49273784) **12.30pm** Manasi (78335142) **1.00** Hindi FILM: Suhaag Sindoor (48205061) **4.00** Chunari (64079142) **4.30** Hindi Sitcom: Nukkad (64075326) **5.00** Kab Kyon Kahan (91854581) **5.30** Aangan Terha (64162806) **6.00** Veda Valu (64169719) **6.30** Campus (64070871) **7.00** Video Junction (81947245) **7.30** Yeh Hai Bombay Meri Jaan (64076055) **8.00** News: Zee and U (91956993) **8.30** Antakshri (91862500) **9.00** Parampara (71980516) **9.30** Aap Ki Adalat (76428806) **10.00** Shakti (49274413) **10.30** Khirkiyan (49356061) **11.00** Kachwa Aur Khargosh (71985061) **11.30-12.00** Krishna (88669871)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below. **7.00pm The Citadel** (1938) (95743784) **9.00 The Picture of Dorian Gray** (1945) (20699687) **11.00 Bright Road** (1953) (82058697) **12.15am Her Twelve Men** (1954) (22026530) **1.50 Bright Road** (1953): As 11pm (67468340) **3.05-5.00 Her Twelve Men** (1954): As 12.15am (52310017)

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Manager departs after relegation

Smith agrees to take his leave of Palace

BY ALYSON RUDD

THE FA Carling Premiership campaign ended as it had begun, with another manager out of a job. Back in August, Billy Bonds parted company with West Ham United and yesterday, Alan Smith, another likeable manager, left Crystal Palace.

Smith's departure was due more to his open character than in spite of it. Of all the 11 Premiership managerial casualties this season, this was the most expected but the most painfully slow to unfold.

Smith spent his first season in charge of a Premiership side saying exactly what he thought about whatever he deemed important, even if that meant criticism of his players or of his chairman. Perhaps Ron Noades, the Palace chairman, could have indulged a talkative, controversial character had the South London club avoided relegation.

Unfortunately for Smith, Palace spent most of the season flirting with an immediate return to the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, their opening game at home against Liverpool ending in a 6-1 slap across his players' young, naive faces. They took eight games to register their first win, then went 815 minutes without a league goal.

The relative inexperience and youth of his team was a constant theme whenever Smith ventured to explain poor results. He was unfortunate, having signed Ray Wilkins to add maturity and direction to his squad, that Wilkins, now the Queens Park Rangers manager, should be sidelined through injury almost immediately.

Smith managed to attract Ray Houghton, the Ireland international, to Selhurst Park, but frequently complained that the former Aston Villa midfield player's arrival had come too late to rescue his side's season.

Smith's concern for his fledglings gradually turned into parental despair. He publicly criticised Chris Armstrong and John Salako for failing to show commitment and occasionally dismissed practically an entire side for strutting around the pitch believing in their own reputations instead of making them.

But it was Armstrong's disappointing season that really hurt Smith. Offers approaching £5 million were made for the forward early in the campaign but Smith chose to fend them off; a decision that cost him a large chunk of his reputation with Noades as well as the opportunity to finance the strengthening of his team. The discovery that Armstrong failed a random drugs test, having taken cannabis, only served to fuel Smith's despair and Noades's critical stand on the way Smith handled the media.



Smith: outspoken

As the season wore on, the relationship between Noades and Smith became riven with petty disagreements about salaries and responsibility. Noades took to the airwaves on Radio 5 Live last week to warn anyone who needed, at that late stage, to be alerted that Smith's days were numbered. "I don't know of any manager who goes into print to criticise his chairman and stays in his job," Noades said.

All Smith was ultimately able to demand during a meeting with Noades yesterday was a respectable parting of the ways and this he achieved, the club last night issuing a statement saying that: "It has been mutually agreed that the club and manager should go their separate ways. The club is deeply appreciative of Alan's work and commitment during the period of time that he has worked for Crystal Palace and wish him every success in the future."

Despite confirmation of Palace's refegation after the 3-2 defeat by Newcastle on Sunday, it was not an entirely wasted season. Palace took Manchester United to a replay in the semi-final of the FA Cup and they pushed Liverpool all the way in the two legs of their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final. Had his players been so energetic and confident in front of goal in the league as in cup competitions, Smith and Noades might today be planning a summer holiday together.

As it is, Noades is searching for a replacement. The youth team coach, Peter Nicholas, has been the favourite to take over for some weeks. However, it is possible that Steve Coppell, under whom Smith served as assistant manager, will return to the club. Coppell has made it clear he has missed football management since his resignation after Palace were relegated two years ago.

"Don't become a manager," Smith, who played for Brentford and enjoyed managerial success with Dulwich Hamlet before joining Palace, was warning anyone who would listen a few weeks ago. But it was always clear that, despite his problems, he loved almost every minute and will be back.



HUW EVANS

Moores, the Sussex wicketkeeper, narrowly fails to run out Maynard, of Glamorgan, in the intriguing draw at Swansea yesterday. Report, page 44

Crawley extends Lancashire's run

BY IVO TENNANT

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (23pts) beat Warwickshire (5) by six wickets

PLAYED eight, won eight. It is necessary to trawl through the record books of the 1930s to find out when Lancashire's cricketers had anything like that kind of a start to a season. Needing 150 to beat the county champions yesterday, they won with wickets in reserve and sinews intact.

That record encompasses different forms of the game: four victories in the Benson & Hedges Cup, two on Sundays and, most important, two in succession in the county championship. For too long Lancashire have been regarded, not least by themselves, as predominantly a one-day side. This victory would suggest that is no longer so.

It was not the spinners who brought about this success, but the new ball. The scorecard indicates how top-heavy Warwickshire's innings became. From 168 without loss on Saturday, they should have done better than to be dismissed for 297.

The pitch remained slow and of low bounce. The Warwickshire nightwatchman, Davis, looked competent enough to continue in that role all season — until Martin and Chapple took the new ball. He was fourth out, on 266, and at the same score, Penney was taken at short leg for nought.

There followed the crucial wicket of Ostler, a batsman in form. He had made 50 from 102 balls, mostly with some refinement, when he was bowled by one Chapple nipped back at him. It was a ball that was indicative of why he is thought of as Lancashire's most promising fast bowler since Brian Statham.

Interestingly, Wasim Akram was not given the new ball. He had had an initial short spell that had been ineffectual in terms of wickets and yet he had bent his back. The credit goes to Watkinson for a captaincy decision that worked remarkably well.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Northants (5)	3	2	1	0	10	12	54
Glamorgan (18)	3	2	0	1	8	12	52
Warwicks (1)	3	2	1	0	8	11	51
Middlesex (4)	3	2	1	0	5	12	49
Surrey (7)	3	2	1	0	7	9	48
Lancashire (10)	2	2	0	0	7	8	47
Yorkshire (14)	2	2	0	0	3	8	43
Kent (9)	3	1	2	0	12	10	38
Glocs (12)	3	1	1	1	12	8	36
Derbyshire (17)	3	1	2	0	7	12	35
Essex (6)	2	1	1	0	8	8	32
Leics (2)	3	1	2	0	5	9	30
Sussex (8)	3	1	1	1	3	9	28
Durham (16)	3	1	2	0	3	9	28
Notts (3)	2	1	1	0	4	5	25
Somerset (11)	3	0	2	1	6	11	17
Worcs (15)	2	0	2	0	2	8	10
Hampshire (13)	2	0	2	0	0	8	8

(Last year's positions in brackets)

After that, wickets fell inexorably. Paul Smith threw the bat at an outswinger from Martin and was caught behind. Burns shuffled across his stumps and was leg-before, and Neil Smith was bowled by another one that cut back. Martin finished with four wickets, Chapple three.

Lancashire had no shortage of time in which to make their runs. Atherton stroked the ball neatly off his legs, if for all too brief a while. Gallian was taken at the wicket off Paul Smith, a lifting, seaming ball that was as good as any we saw all day, and when Speak rashly drove Davis to mid-on, 63 were still required.

At this point, Watkinson, mindful that the pitch was wearing, kept himself, Wasim Akram and Fairbrother (who had pulled a muscle in the course of his century on Friday) back in the order in case the surface deteriorated further. Those three are all better players of spin than Chapple, who was sent in next.

That he was soon out to a sharp catch in the slips by Ostler did not ultimately matter, for Crawley was batting with much conviction at the other end. We have heard of how he is an altogether more resolute performer for having toured Australia; he spoke yesterday of how Lancashire felt that, for the time being, they cannot countenance losing any match.

In partnership with Watkinson, Crawley brought about victory. His half century, which came from 75 balls and included four fours, was especially notable for his determination to use his feet when facing Davis. This is the best balanced Lancashire side since — well, conceivably since they last won the championship outright, 37 years before Crawley was born.

Sussex denied, page 44

Blackburn's party in full swing

BY PETER BALL

THE news that they will have to play their first European Cup tie before the start of the Premiership season did not spoil Blackburn Rovers' championship celebrations yesterday. By 5pm, the party at Ewood Park was already in full swing, with the ground surrounded by queues.

At that stage, the supporters still had an hour and a half to wait before the gates were opened and the festivities began in earnest. Before that, the mayor was due to perform the civic recognition of the club's first championship for 81 years.

Many of the supporters present yesterday had not been around eight years ago, let alone 81, but the delight in Blackburn was palpable. "I'm so proud — this turnout means so much to me," Jack Walker, the club's benefactor, said. "You dream about things and to see the whole town of Blackburn here at Ewood Park means you can see we got this dream right. They are lining the streets for miles."

Blackburn's victory was hugely popular, the telegram from Burnley, their great rivals, being one of the first to arrive. United sent a fax, reading: "Keep it warm, we want it back next year".

Blackburn, however, have no intention of handing it back, Walker insisting that, by winning it this year, they were ahead of plans. That point was picked up by Alan Shearer, for a long time Walker's most expensive acquisition, and the key player in their success. "We are a year ahead of schedule. Who knows what can happen next?"

Shearer's partner, Chris Sutton, was one of several players to pay tribute to the contribution Walker has made. "It's been a bit nerve-racking because we knew Jack wanted to win this so badly," Sutton said. "If we had lost the title I couldn't have looked him in the eye. He would have been distraught. I think every one of us wanted to win it for him as well as ourselves."

Dalglish's delight 43

But if the knowledge that they will have to qualify for the European Champions' League, by playing a two-leg preliminary-round tie on August 9 and 23, did not spoil the party last night, it is bound to lead to sober reflection in the days ahead. Last year, Glasgow Rangers slipped out at that stage, and the financial consequences, even for a club with Walker's money behind it, of missing out on the league stage would be punitive.

It would also raise further questions about Shearer's future, although the player pointed out yesterday that this was no time to talk about them.

Walker insisted that there was no question of Shearer leaving. "We have got the best here in Blackburn and I intend to keep the best. Nobody has talked about Shearer going anywhere, have they? We also have the best manager and I hope he isn't intending to go anywhere. We have done an awful lot in a short time and we still have a lot to do. Whatever it takes, we'll do it."

Unhappy Mansell nearing last lap

Oliver Holt on the indications that the former Formula One champion is close to retirement

The clues are only in the slightest of hints and the subtlest nuances, rather than statements of disaffection or discord, but it has begun to appear as though Nigel Mansell's much heralded return to Formula One motor racing may be abandoned before this season reaches its halfway stage.

Mansell retired from the Spanish Grand Prix on Sunday after only 18 laps because he was so alarmed by the handling of his McLaren-Mercedes. Both McLaren and representatives of Mansell insisted yesterday that no announcement on his future was imminent. But the 1992 world champion evaded questions at the weekend over whether he would still be with the team by the end of the season and the prospect of a retirement that may be final this time came more sharply into focus.

Rumours swept the paddock all weekend that he would retire after a last hurrah in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on July 16 and they gained credence when it emerged that Mark Blundell, a likely replacement and McLaren's official test driver, had received a sudden request at the weekend to test for the team in Barcelona later this week.

Mansell's season appears to be going from bad to worse. It began farcically with the design error cramping him in the cockpit and forcing him to miss the first two races. A new car was built for him at a cost of almost £1 million but he could only finish tenth in his first race at Imola a fortnight ago and was out of touch with the leaders again last Sunday.

He cannot test the car to improve it because the wider-bodied chassis he needs are still being built. Hopes of a challenge for the championship have disappeared and the first signs of strain in the relationship with Ron Dennis, the team's managing director, are showing.

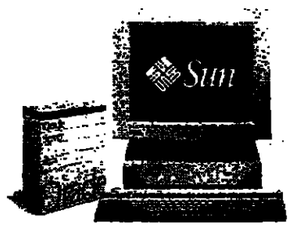
Dennis, pointing out that Mika Hakkinen, Mansell's team-mate, had been reasonably competitive until he had been forced to retire with a fuel pressure problem late in the race on Sunday, made it clear that the decision to curtail Mansell's afternoon had not been his. "Nigel had handling problems and chose not to continue," he said.

At this stage of his career, with so many achievements behind him and approaching 42, a long, hard slog to try to improve the car may not be an attractive proposition for Mansell. His comments after the race did little to quieten the rumours that he was growing increasingly unhappy.

"I was not going to have an accident out there and that is why I came in," he said. "I am just hoping we make a big step forward because you have got to be able to trust the car. At the moment, the bottom line is that you cannot."

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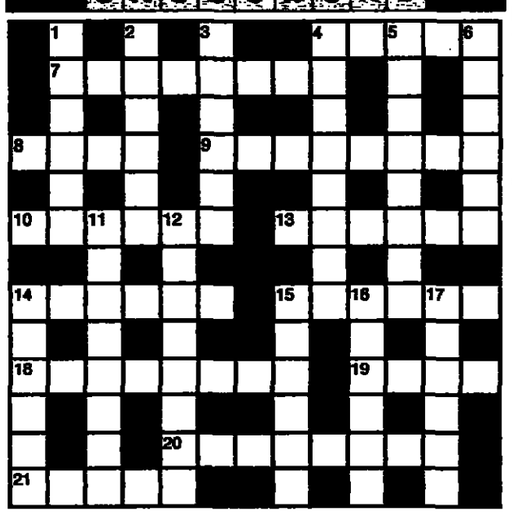
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10 Activities: whatsits (6)
13 Donated-prizes lottery (6)
14 Medicinal drink (6)
15 Riches, abundance (6)
18 A galosh (8)
19 Difficult (order) (4)
20 Amendment: rereading for exam (8)
21 Save (3,2); stopping area beside road (3-2)

DOWN

1 Gambling house (6)
2 Summon by gesture (6)
3 Plate for throwing (6)
4 Out of audience's sight (3-5)
5 Contemptuous (8)
6 Withdraw from pact (6)
11 Causing obstruction (2,3,3)
12 Word list with explanations (8)
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